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ANOTHER BLOW FOR COMMUTERS

Watchdog warns tickets to London may become 'unaffordable' after price hikes

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

COMMUTING by train to London could soon be priced out of the market for many as operators prepare to hike fares.

And one train watchdog group says using rail to reach the capital could soon be "unaffordable".

It will come as just the latest blow to commuters across west Kent, who are already wilting under regular high ticket price increases.

Now they face three more years of inflation-busting fare rises. A standard annual season ticket from Tunbridge Wells to London already costs £3,352

In response to the last four years of fare increases, that have been among the highest in the country, Sir John Stanley, the MP for Tonbridge, said operator Southeastern's "regime must end".

Under its franchise agreement with the government, the company calculates its annual fare increase for regulated tickets on the July retail price index (RPI) plus three per cent.

Meanwhile, other train companies were only allowed to increase by the RPI plus one per cent.

But as Kent commuters began to breathe a collective sigh of relief because Southeastern was set to bring its fare increases in line with the rest of the country in 2012, the Government announced that all operators can now raise ticket prices using the RPI plus three formula.

Tunde Olatunji, Kent spokesman for the watchdog Passenger Focus, said: "Yes, everyone else is going to feel what Southeastern passengers have been suffering, but we are not happy they will not be getting the release they would have so welcomed.

"It is Government policy so there is not a lot that can be done, but at what point does it become unaffordable for someone to work in London when they are facing up to 12 per cent increases on their fares?

"It is not good news at all and it is going to make it very hard for a lot of people to afford the fares."

Sir John Stanley spoke at a recent rail summit at County Hall along with other MPs to raise concerns on behalf of their constituents.

"Southeastern has been allowed to increase rail fares in real terms at a higher rate increase than any other line," he told this newspaper.

"They have justified this in terms of investment in High Speed through north Kent, but those in west Kent have seen no benefit. My position is this regime must end. In future Southeastern should be allowed no increase greater than the amount imposed generally."

Mr Olatunji added: "Passengers will continue to see fare rises at a rate that will create hardship for many

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Picture: JANE CONNOLLY

Roo's that guy

A GIANT effigy of Manchester United star Wayne Rooney will be torched tonight after he was unveiled as this year's celebrity guy by Edenbridge Bonfire Society.

The huge figure of the England striker will sit on top of the bonfire at tonight's torch procession and firework display. He is pictured clutching a contract and carrying a bag overflowing with cash.

For the full story and a round-up of where you can see firework displays this weekend, see inside.

Join the fireworks fun at these events

By **JANE CONNOLLY**

THOUSANDS are set to flock to some of the biggest organised firework displays this weekend – with Dunorlan Park in Tunbridge Wells once again set to be one of the stand-out displays.

Tonight, the park will be illuminated by the annual firework display, which has been provided by the Royal Tunbridge Wells Round Table for more than 50 years, with the support of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

As the organisation's biggest event of the year, the display requires a huge amount of planning and preparation, all carried out on a voluntary basis. But the display itself will be performed by firework professionals.

Gates open at 5.30pm and the firework fun starts at 6.45pm. Tickets are priced at £6 for adults and £4 for children on the gate, with free admission for under-fives.

Discounted advance tickets are available at www.visittunbridgewells.com and from a number of outlets, including the Tunbridge Wells Tourist Information Office in the Pantiles, the Hospice in the Weald, Notcutts in Pembury and Fuller's Butchers in Hawkenbury.

The Hop Farm in Paddock Wood will also be holding displays both today and tomorrow. Tonight at 5pm there will be a special 'child-friendly' display, with fewer bangs, before the main event at 8pm. The evening also includes live music. Tomorrow there will be a main display at 6pm and the burning of the bonfire.

Tickets cost £10 in advance or £11 on the gate for adults or £6 and £5 for children. Other offers, such as family tickets, are available. See www.thehopfarm.co.uk for more details.

Chiddingstone Castle also hosts a dazzling display tonight. The castle plays host to Chiddingstone Primary School's annual fireworks and bonfire evening, which gets under way at 7pm.

Priced at £7 for adults, £3 for children and free for under-fives, tickets are available from Chiddingstone Village Shop and Chiddingstone Causeway Stores.

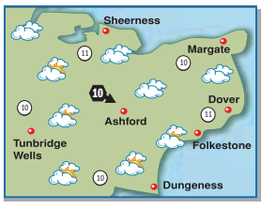
Groombridge Place Gardens and Enchanted Forest in Tunbridge Wells will be the setting for an aerial firework display performed to music this evening. There will also be a mini Victorian funfair to add even more atmosphere to the occasion. To find out more see www.groombridge.co.uk or call 01892 861444.

Meanwhile, stars of the Stag Theatre's pantomime will be joining in the annual torch light procession in Sevenoaks tonight.

Organised by the Sevenoaks Round Table, the procession sets out from Buckhurst Lane at 6.30pm and is followed by a firework display on Dukes Meadow at Sevenoaks School, starting at 7.30pm.

Gate tickets cost £8 for adults, £4 for children and £20 for families of four. Reduced advance tickets are available from Lorimers, Sevenoaks Travel, the Stag Theatre and the Sevenoaks Tourist Information Centre.

Weather



Today

Early rain will clear to leave it dry for much of the day, with only a little cloud and sunny spells. However, there is a risk of showers or longer spells of rain later on in the day. Moderate north-westerly winds. Milder with temperatures closer to the November average. Max temp 9-12C (48-54F).

Sun & Moon

Sunrise	6.58am	Sunset	4.19pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	7.30am	Moonset	4.00pm	4.19pm to 7.00am

High Tides

	today		tomorrow	
	ht (m)	ht (m)	ht (m)	ht (m)
Dover	10.30 6.9	22.54 6.8	11.13 6.9	23.38 6.8
Margate	11.27 4.9	23.51 4.8	– –	12.12 5.0
St Mary's	04.07 5.8	16.29 5.8	04.50 5.9	17.12 5.8

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	rain	7	45	Edinburgh	fair	8	46	Newcastle	shwrs	8	46
Belfast	shwrs	8	46	Glasgow	shwrs	8	46	Norwich	fair	10	50
B'ham	rain	10	50	Isle of Man	shwrs	9	48	Oxford	shwrs	11	52
B'mouth	fair	12	54	Leeds	shwrs	7	45	Southsea	fair	12	54
Bristol	fair	11	52	London	shwrs	12	54	S'hampton	fair	11	52
Cardiff	shwrs	12	54	Liverpool	shwrs	10	50	Southport	shwrs	10	50
Cork	fair	9	48	Manchester	fair	9	48	Swansea	shwrs	11	52

Information supplied by MeteoGroup

Striker Wayne to be thrown on the fire

MANCHESTER United and England star Wayne Rooney has been selected as the celebrity guy to be torched this weekend in Edenbridge's famous bonfire celebrations.

The striker was unveiled this week by the Edenbridge Bonfire Society and will sit atop the bonfire when it is torched this evening.

Charles Laver, the society's co-ordinator, revealed that Rooney was the main contender to become this year's famous guy, by popular demand.

"We had a competition to guess the guy and we had 26 people who thought it was Wayne Rooney," Mr Laver said. "There were also names like David Cameron, but Rooney got 26 out of 40-odd votes. So it looks as if everybody wants him burned."

The society has become known across the country for putting a high profile guy to the flames and last year glamour model Katie Price, aka Jordan, succumbed to the blaze.

The bonfire and its 30ft guy will be a central part of Edenbridge's firework celebrations, which include a torch light procession through the town and firework display. The procession starts at 6.30pm and fireworks begin at the recreation ground at 8.30pm.

Designed by amateur artist Frank Shepherd, the guy will go up in flames at about 8.45pm.

Rooney hit the headlines recently after playing a game of brinkmanship with his club as he looked to negotiate a higher contract. Having threatened to walk out on the team and join arch rivals Manchester City amid claims the club could no longer match his ambition, he completed a remarkable u-turn after agreeing a new deal reportedly netting him some £200,000 a week.

Despite Rooney's money-grabbing exploits, Mr Laver insisted the celebrity guy is created in good spirit: "We have chosen past guys because they are in the news. We're looking for somebody to give us publicity and there is no malice towards the guy."

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London train service must be reinstated, demands MP

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passengers at a time when there are going to be job losses and people are not going to see increases in their wages."

A spokesman for the rail operator said: "It is Government policy to put the cost of running the railway on those who use it, the passengers, and not taxpayers.

"The Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) has meant our subsidy will go down even quicker and they will re-negotiate our franchise subsidy. To compensate for this we will be required to put fares up to the maximum allowed."

Meanwhile, passengers are set to be given the opportunity to shape future rail services in the county.

Cllr Nick Chard, KCC's cabinet member for transport, said a consultation would be launched next month on proposals for Kent's next rail franchise.

"It is very much what the local people want," the member for Sevenoaks East said. "We are in the middle trying to co-ordinate all the user groups with their own concerns, so we can give a cohesive response to Government."

Franchise

Tonbridge MP Sir John has also called for Southeastern's franchise agreement not to be extended unless the operator restores services into the city for Malling passengers.

"The city services on the Maidstone East line, which runs through West Malling, and Borough Green, [to Charing Cross, Cannon Street and London Bridge] were axed in December last year.

"The impact on my constituents has been absolutely devastating – they have substantial extra travelling time, people have been driving all over the place even into south east London to get a train to their offices in the City or Canary Wharf.

"Individuals have actually had to move house to get themselves back onto a railway line."

He has called on the Government to step in and force Southeastern to restore the service and has been in contact with rail minister Theresa Villiers.

The Southeastern spokesman said: "The timetable is based on the franchise specification which is given to us by the Department for Transport (DfT) as part of our franchise agreement.

"This says from each station there should be a certain number of stops or certain trains should be taken out. This is part of a legal agreement we have to meet and cannot change.

"The specification was set in 2006 by the DfT to withdraw services on the Maidstone East line as there were not enough passengers using it, so the money and rolling stock would be better used elsewhere.

"We cannot reverse this, it is up to the DfT to put these services back in the specification when the franchise is next awarded and to provide funding for them.

"Sir John Stanley and residents should be lobbying the DfT now to get the services in question reinstated in the next franchise agreement.

"As long as we are meeting our targets, which we are at present, our franchise will be extended for another two years in 2012. The DfT cannot just strip us of this as Sir John has stated."

Administration puts historic walks under separate ownership

Pantiles split

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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IMPROVEMENT plans for the Pantiles have been thrown into doubt after administrators took control of half the historic parade.

Owners Targetfollow lost their battle with Lloyds Banking Group to prevent administration proceedings against a subsidiary company that owns many of its prized assets, including the Lower Walk in the Georgian shopping precinct.

The Upper Walk is owned by an arm of the company unaffected by the administration.

While administrater Deloitte said it would be business as usual for tenants, concerns have been raised about the future of the recession-hit parade if it is to remain in divided ownership.

Targetfollow has around £700million of overdue loans with Lloyds. A £223m loan expired in July and a £453m loan matured in October. The troubled company had major plans for developing the Pantiles, including revamping the Corn Exchange and Sussex House, which it no longer owns.

Steve Marshall, co-chair of the Pantiles Tenants' Association and owner of the Pantiles Bookshop, said: "Clearly as a result of this we've ended up with a division and therefore Targetfollow's original vision must go by-the-by until a new owner is found."

Mr Marshall, a former lawyer, said that Targetfollow chair Ardeshir Naghshineh could try to buy the Lower Walk back from the administrators at a cheaper price.

"Targetfollow might come back and try to acquire the Lower Walk from the receiver, meaning their Pantiles portfolio would be complete. But that is supposition," he said.

Mr Marshall added: "Whilst I've been reassured by a director of Targetfollow about the future of the Upper Walk, the current financial plight of Targetfollow will inevitably have some detrimental impact on investment.

"If I were Targetfollow I would be looking to let the empty shops, some of which have been vacant for a couple of years, to receive a better income from the investment and to give a more vibrant feel to the area."

Tenants in the Lower Walk now face an uncertain wait to find out who their new landlord will be.

Administration proceeding against Targetfollow Property Holdings began last Wednesday and Targetfollow Property Investment & Development lost its battle the next day, as the company became the latest property group to fall victim to debt taken against properties that have fallen in value.

The subsidiaries account for about half of Targetfollow Group and include many well-known assets, including London's Centre Point.

Neville Kahn, a partner in the reorganisation services practice at Deloitte, said: "Deloitte is working closely with all stakeholders to support the ongoing management of the properties. This is a holding company appointment only, and the property owning companies continue to trade as normal.

"Arrangements are being made for the continuation of all property management services on an ongoing basis, and we expect no interruption to services for tenants."

A spokesman for Targetfollow added: "We are working hard to help the administrators realise the best value for all concerned."

Earlier this year, Targetfollow looked to off-load the Pantiles, putting the site up for sale. It later withdrew it from the market.

DIVIDE: While the Upper Walk remains under Targetfollow control, the Lower Walk has been seized by the administrators, prompting fears for the future of the historic parade

Council: It's just £300 a day lost

TUNBRIDGE Wells Borough Council has denied it is losing £1,000 a day in interest on its loan of £20million to buy the cinema site – saying it is actually just £300.

In a statement this week it said the money has been transferred into a high yield interest account, with the remaining money held at short notice to allow "completion of the sale of the Land Registry".

It said: "If full council decide not to proceed with the purchase then the funds will be reinvested into a high yield interest account while other property acquisitions are explored to add to the council's property investment portfolio."

£200,000 pay out

THE family of a soldier killed when his Nimrod plane exploded over Afghanistan four years ago, have received the highest ever pay out for losing their son after a Scottish court awarded them £200,000 in compensation.

Robert, 66, and Priscilla Dicketts, 62, from Horsmonden were given the sum following a case involving the death of their son Oliver, 27, in 2006. He and 13 other service personnel died when a fire broke out during mid-air refuelling. The Ministry of Defence admitted liability.

Mr and Mrs Dicketts were each awarded the maximum possible – £100,000 each – by the jury.

College named

WEST Kent College chiefs will this week unveil its new name following its merger with South Kent College.

The name was voted on by staff and students and will be made public on Tuesday.

A series of events will be staged next Saturday to mark the completion of the merger plans, including a special concert at the combined establishment's campuses in Tonbridge, Ashford, Dover and Folkestone. Performers include X Factor stars Lloyd Daniels and boy band The Reason.

Friends donate cash for flat screen TVs

PATIENTS at the new hospital at Pembury are set to enjoy flat-screen televisions in every room thanks to a £270,000 donation.

The League of Friends of Pembury and Kent & Sussex Hospitals said it was their largest ever donation and eventually the televisions will be able to broadcast patient information as well as Freeview channels.

Chairman Gary Purdy said: "This is our biggest-ever single donation and we are delighted to put the money into such a worthwhile project.

"We are there to raise money and to spend it on the little extras that improve someone's stay in hospital. Patient entertainment falls nicely into that category."

The state-of-the-art hospital, which has been built under a £234million private finance initiative (PFI) deal, is set to be fully open in September next year.

Graham Goddard, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust's new hospital development director, said: "This donation completes the trust's objective to provide a new hospital that put the patient experience at the forefront of the design.

"We have had so much support from the friends in the past and this donation cements our ongoing relationship – we are very grateful to the friends."

FUTURE: The new state-of-the-art PFI hospital at Pembury is due to open in 2011

■ ARE you over 75 or living with someone who is? Then TV Licensing chiefs are urging you to claim your free licence.

Those over the age can claim a free licence, which covers their entire household. Already some 5,100 enjoy the perk in Tunbridge Wells.

Michelle Mitchell, charity director for Age UK, said: "Many older people live on low, fixed incomes, so the free television licence for people aged 75 and over is a valuable entitlement and we would urge people to make sure they apply this year."

To apply, call 0300 790 6073 or visit the website at www.tvlicensing.co.uk.

Marathon effort

TITLE sponsors of this year's Tunbridge Wells Half Marathon have unveiled a 36-strong team to take part in the event in a bid to raise cash for the Pickering Cancer Drop-In Centre.

Staff from Lifestyle Renault motor dealers will take part in the popular 13-mile race, which takes place on February 27, 2011, with sponsorship raised going to their nominated charity based in Monson Road.

Dame Kelly Holmes will start the race, with the route going through Bidborough, Penshurst, Fordcombe and Langton Green. There is a limit of 2,500 able to take part with the last two years being fully subscribed.

See www.twharriers.org.uk for details.

Legal recognition

TUNBRIDGE Wells law firm Cripps Harries Hall LLP has been ranked top in a host of categories in legal bible Chambers UK.

It was ranked first in the South East for private client, real estate, real estate litigation, employment, dispute resolution, partnership and construction in the latest edition of the guide to the UK legal profession.

Michael Stevens, senior partner of Cripps Harries Hall LLP, said: "We are delighted that we continue to be recognised, not only by our clients, but also our peers."

Store is at home

JOHN Lewis opens the door on its new 'at home' store this week – a major new addition to Tunbridge Wells' shopping arsenal.

The John Lewis at home store on the Kingstanding Business Park will be officially opened on Thursday, November 11.

The 40,000 sq ft store will stock homeware as well as electrical and home technology items, as well as a café and collection service.

Bomb scare as suspicious bag found at centre

POLICE have praised the public after a security alert in the centre of Tunbridge Wells, during the busiest shopping day of the week, sparked a major evacuation, ***writes Jenna Pudelek***.

Emergency services were called when a suspicious package was discovered in Royal Victoria Place and the area and surrounding streets were cleared.

A rucksack was left unattended before being reported to security staff.

Army bomb disposal experts were called in and a controlled explosion took place on the bag left in the Ely Court area of the complex.

The drama unfolded last Saturday, October 30, between 10.45am and 2.45pm, causing huge disruption to traders hoping to benefit from the thousands flocking to the popular retail centre.

However, surrounding coffee shops and pubs found themselves heaving as shoppers took refuge from the cold while emergency services moved in.

Not only were shoppers and shop staff cleared, but adjoining roads including Monson Road and Camden Road, were cleared and closed off. As was the shopping centre's adjoining multi-storey car park.

Shocked gym users at LA Fitness were also forced to flee – leaving many on the cold streets wearing just shorts and t-shirts, and in some cases only swimming trunks. Gym staff issued foil wraps and towels to help keep them warning before police allowed them to return for clothes and valuables.

Explosion

At around 2pm, experts from the Army's explosive ordnance disposal team carried out a controlled explosion on the rucksack and the contents were found to be harmless.

Shoppers were allowed back in the centre at around 2.45pm.

Kent Police has thanked the public for their patience and understanding while the incident was dealt with.

Chief Inspector Kay Maynard said: "I would like to thank the public for the understanding they showed while our officers worked with other emergency services to thoroughly investigate this package.

"Public safety is paramount to Kent Police and we take reports of this nature very seriously but we hope that shoppers and residents of Tunbridge Wells were not too inconvenienced by the incident."

A spokesman for Wesfield Royal Victoria Place added: "An incident occurred at Ely Court, Royal Victoria Place on Saturday.

"The emergency services were alerted immediately and worked closely with the centre management team. We are unable to give any further details."

Picture: PHIL GLOVER

SAFETY FEARS: Royal Victoria Place had to be evacuated for several hours on Saturday

Big roadkill problem

EXCLUSIVE

By JENNA PUDELEK

SOARING numbers of large, dead animals such as deer and horses are being collected from roads in west Kent.

The latest figures show that the Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks areas account from 44 per cent of creatures being removed by Kent Highways in the county this year.

Although Kent County Council does not analyse the data, officials put the high numbers down to thriving deer numbers and busy roads in the commuter belt of west Kent.

HIT: Deer are commonly found as roadkill

Sevenoaks, which is home to Knole Park with its famous deer park where hundreds of the creatures thrive, had the highest amount of large roadkill, totalling 56.

Highways workers collected 46 large animals in nearby Tunbridge Wells out of a total of 228 across the county. In Tonbridge and Malling, 23 creatures were collected.

The figures include animals such as sheep and cattle and were sourced from KCC, in a list compiled by the highways department dubbed 'dead, bigger than a badger', where officials collate data on large roadkill.

Over the border in East Sussex, the Ashdown Forest is the worst deer-related accident hotspot in the country, where more than 300 of the animals are hit by vehicles each year.

The National Deer Collision Project's leader Dr Jochen Langbein said: "In the centre of the main area numbers have risen and risen and they are spreading out further and further into much of East Sussex and all along into Kent."

He said that while a third of deer were found alive at the scene of accidents, the majority had to be put down due to internal bleeding.

Dead animals discovered by members of public that are smaller than badgers are the responsibility of district councils.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council said its waste contractor Cory Environmental had collected 48 badgers, 42 foxes, 11 cats and four dogs that had been reported since January 2 this year.

Sevenoaks District Council said it did not keep a record of dead animals found, but if a dog is found it will be scanned to see if it is chipped and then the owner can be called.

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council said it did not have records but had an average of two to three reports a week, mainly about foxes and badgers.

The Highways Agency is responsible for dead animals on motorways and trunk roads. If the animal is on any other public road in Kent, call Kent Highways on 08458 247 800. If the animal is smaller than a badger and not causing an obstruction or hazard to public safety then contact your district council.

'Bigger than a badger' deaths

District	Total
Ashford	21
Canterbury	11
Dartford	7
Dover	21
Gravesham	3
Maidstone	23
Sevenoaks	56
Shepway	8
Swale	6
Thanet	3
Tonbridge & Malling	23
Tunbridge Wells	46
Total	228

Source: Kent County Council

Help finding work

A WEBSITE launched to help graduates find work after emerging from university says it it has already had 600 people use it just two weeks after going live.

The Kent County Council site – www.gradskent.com, backed by the county's universities and employers – is designed to tackle the statistics of 11,000 graduates emerging from universities in Kent and just 30 per cent securing a job in the county.

KCC cabinet member Roger Gough, from Sevenoaks, said: "We know it is a tough time for many people looking for work. This will help graduates make the best use of their studies."

A21 costs review

SEVENOAKS MP Michael Fallon has called for the A21 road widening scheme axed by public spending cuts to be reviewed to try and reduce its costs.

The long-awaited £125m dualling of a congested stretch between Tonbridge and Pembury was postponed for at least five years by transport secretary Philip Hammond.

The MP said: "I think everybody would prefer to have a cheaper scheme rather than having this expensive scheme postponed."

He is backed by Tunbridge Wells MP Greg Clark and Tonbridge MP Sir John Stanley.

■ COMMANDER of US and NATO forces in Afghanistan, General David Petraeus, made a surprise visit to the home of Sir Winston Churchill recently.

During a visit to the UK, where he met Prime Minister David Cameron, the general visited Chartwell, where he was given a tour by Duncan Sandys, Churchill's great grandson.

Before leaving to travel to Downing Street, he signed the National Trust property's visitor book and said he hoped some of Churchill's 'sheer determination' would rub off on him.

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Network change

UK Power Networks – tasked with being the new electricity distribution firm across the South East, says customers will notice no change as it takes over.

The company took over the running of electricity distribution to more than eight million customers across Kent, London and the east of England last Friday.

It follows the sale by EDF Energy of its electricity distribution networks to the Cheung Kong Group (CKG). EDF will continue in a consultancy role for the next 18 months to ensure a smooth transition.

The company will be managing the UK's biggest power networks of 170,000km of underground cables and overhead lines, and more than 130,000 substations.

Customer services for the new firm can be contacted on 0800 0284587 and for emergencies in the South East 0800 783 8866.

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Rescued Izzy becomes star of the show

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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A PONY that was abandoned after developing skin cancer-like tumours all over her body was the first star of a new television series this week.

Izzy, from Happy Endings Rescue Sanctuary, which has a site near Sevenoaks, was brought to the centre two-years-ago because the 'sarcoids' that affected her face, neck, legs and groin, meant she could no longer be ridden.

But the makers of Channel 4's Animal Madhouse heard about her plight and offered to provide her with a course of some of the best veterinary treatment for the disease, which affects around seven per cent of ponies, horses and donkeys in the UK.

Chris Johns, co-founder of the sanctuary, said: "Izzy couldn't wear a bridle because of the sarcoid on her face so her owner didn't want her. She was given to someone else to breed from but she was infertile, so eventually she ended up with us.

"When sarcoids are left untreated they multiply, so Izzy was covered in them when she arrived with us. Some of her sarcoids are malignant, like skin cancer, but they are not painful, just unsightly.

"Izzy is such a lovely pony. She's really sweet and gentle. She did not deserve to end up in a state like this, so we decided we would do everything we could to help her. We were thrilled when Animal Madhouse agreed to treat her."

If left untreated the tumours can spread and in severe cases result in death.

Viewers saw Izzy, an eight-year-old Welsh section B pony examined by TV vet James Creasey, before she was given a course of treatment under the watchful eye of sarcoid specialist Derek Knottenbelt from the University of Liverpool.

SPECIAL CARE: Izzy the pony with Chris Johns and vet James Creasey

But Mr Johns said she would need ongoing veterinary care and he hoped that when people saw her on the show they would donate to help pay for more treatment.

"The specialist said it was among the worst cases of sarcoids he had seen. Izzy had a number of different treatments," he said.

"Izzy was so good throughout the filming and treatment. She was an absolute star. She is having a break from treatment at the moment and enjoying grazing in her paddock.

"The results so far have been brilliant. The tumours look much better, some have shrunk and some disappeared altogether.

"We are so grateful to everyone at Animal Madhouse, but Izzy will need lifelong treatment which will be very expensive."

Happy Endings was founded by Mr Johns and veterinary nurse Terry Kemp three years ago. They fund its rescue work with donations from the public.

The sanctuary works from its base in Hailsham, East Sussex, and the site near Sevenoaks, which is home to horses, sheep, donkeys, goats, chickens, cockerels, rabbits, cats and dogs.

Its no-kill policy means a healthy animal is never destroyed and those unsuitable for re-homing live out their days at the centre.

Izzy's story was shown in the first episode of the series this Wednesday, and can be seen again online via 4 on Demand.

For more about Happy Endings visit www.happyendingsrescue.org.uk.

ASBO for 'intimidating' rough sleeper

A HOMELESS man has been given an anti-social behaviour order after he "regularly intimidated" people into giving him money in Tunbridge Wells.

Isaac Smith, 38, was given a two-year ASBO at Sevenoaks Magistrates' Court on Monday after he pleaded guilty to drunk and disorderly, assault and theft offences.

Under the terms of the order, he is banned from being drunk and having an open container of alcohol in Tunbridge Wells town centre's alcohol control zone.

If he breaks the conditions, Mr Smith could face a prison sentence, a fine or both.

He has had 13 convictions in the past three years for being drunk and disorderly, assault, public order offences and shoplifting, the bench heard.

PC Emma Cole, a Tunbridge Wells town centre neighbourhood officer, said: "Isaac Smith's behaviour frightened a lot of people. His behaviour had a constant detrimental effect on the community and in every reported case he caused high levels of harassment, alarm and distress to innocent members of the public going about their daily business.

"He regularly intimidated members of the public into giving him money, often picking on vulnerable and young people.

"Residents and visitors should be able to come to the town and not be confronted by someone behaving as he did.

"The conditions of the ASBO should prevent further incidents from happening."

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As elf cups blossom all we need now are some fairies

By **JANE CONNOLLY**

MAGICAL mushrooms are adding a touch of colour to the woods around Tunbridge Wells.

Autumn is commonly considered to be a season of mellow reds and golds, but some fantastic fungi are making a walk in the woods much more of a colourful experience.

As the RSPB has revealed, taking a stroll on an autumn afternoon at the Broadwater Warren reserve near Tunbridge Wells can lead to some dazzling discoveries.

"Fungi might not be the first thing you think about looking for on a day out, but there are some fascinating colourful specimens," said Sophie McCallum, RSPB media officer. "Unlike some wildlife, you are guaranteed to see them as they are everywhere at this time of year, especially after recent [weather] conditions."

Although the summer weather might have failed to please the human population of Kent, the long wet spell followed by a mild start to the autumn has provided the perfect conditions for fungi to boom. This could mean walkers can look forward to seeing a bumper crop of mushrooms, toadstools and other strange organisms.

One of the most eye-catching specimens to be spotted at Broadwater Warren is the Green Elf Cup, which can spread across pieces of rotten wood to create a carpet of bright blue-green.

The Green Elf Cup has a long history in the area and its potential to aid local industry was spotted hundreds of years ago, when it was put to good use in the production of Tunbridge ware.

OUT OF THIS WORLD: Green elf cup adds dazzling colour to the golden autumn landscape at Broadwater Warren. Pictured above right is one for foragers to beware, fly agaric may look pretty, but it is poisonous to eat and should therefore be avoided

During the 18th and 19th centuries, the woodwork was decorated using an inlaid mosaic of small, multi-coloured pieces of wood and the Green Elf Cup lent its brilliant green hue to the process.

Mark Gurney, RSPB reserves ecologist, believes people will be surprised at the varieties on show if they venture out into their local woodland.

"There are some amazing colours and forms you can find, in purple, yellow, green, blue and pink," he said. "The Green Elf Cap is pretty widespread but is associated with the marquetry, which is local to Tunbridge Wells. It's been a very good year and lots of surprising things have turned up where they've not been before. It's been really fascinating for people to see."

RSPB Tudeley Woods, near Tonbridge, is another haven for fungi and more than 1,000 species have been recorded there.

These include puffballs and bracket fungi, which are flat, shelf-like organisms that can come in many vibrant colours. Very resilient and hard, bracket fungi are usually found on logs and near the base of trees. Some varieties are known to destroy trees and continue to feed on the dead wood, but like everything else, fungi have their place in the natural world.

"They are all part of the ecosystem, it's only when they attack things that people want that they get a bad reputation," Mr Gurney said. "In forest plantations, they can attack trees and cause gaps in the canopies. But they also bring benefits."

With the rapidly rising public interest in local, organically produced foods, Mr Gurney has seen a rise in the number of people wanting to forage for their own mushrooms.

"We get a lot of people coming along on forays who are interested in that," he said. "There are 20 or so popular edible species. I don't often eat what I find, as the vast majority are not edible and are just very hard or mushy. But there are some good ones."

One of the key concerns about mushrooms and toadstools has always been spotting the varieties that are dangerous to eat, something people must be aware of if foraging for ingredients.

"Nothing is going to harm you if you touch it. You have to eat fungi in order for it to do you any damage," Mr Gurney said.

"The only way you can be sure of what you should or should not eat is if you manage to identify it properly. There are no set rules, but there are quite a lot of books out there. There are also local fungus recording groups you can go out with, to get an idea of what is around."

• ***For more information about local reserves and where to find fabulous fungi in the area, visit the RSPB website at www.rspb.org.uk/reserves.***

Don't buy planning to build on Green Belt

PEOPLE looking to buy plots of land in the green belt to build homes on have been urged to think again and avoid wasting their money, ***writes Jon Coates***.

Tough planning restrictions mean development is highly unlikely to be allowed on the protected land, as the green belt is designed to stop urban sprawl by maintaining open countryside surrounding towns.

Sevenoaks District Council has put out a warning to anyone thinking about buying land in the green belt as it has become aware of a number of large sites in its area being offered for sale in individual plots.

These sites are on the borders of Chipstead, Dunton Green, Hextable and Ash.

A council spokesman said: "The council has recently received new enquiries from the public about the site in Ash, which has been extended in size.

"To ensure the land is protected, the council has served Article 4 directions on all the sites restricting the activities that can normally be carried out without planning permission, such as putting up fences, gates or walls, or improving any existing road or private way.

"Nationally, all green belt sites are protected by planning policies, which aim to prevent urban development by keeping the land permanently open, and as a consequence, they are extremely unlikely to get planning permission.

"The council recently updated its planning policies. The evidence collected confirms that the district can meet its housing requirements without releasing green belt land, which will continue to be protected."

Article 4 directions are issued by councils in circumstances where specific control over development is required – primarily where the character of an area of acknowledged importance is threatened. They are, therefore, more commonly applied to conservation areas.

Andrew Taylor, development manager at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, said it has also served Article 4 directions on green belt sites.

"The borough council is very aware of the threat to the area from the sale and development of plots. As a result we have taken proactive action to serve Article 4 directions on various parcels of land," he said.

"These directions remove certain permitted developments from sites and mean that planning permission is required even for quite minor things such as new fences.

"Over the last year the council has served directions in Bidborough, Paddock Wood and Brenchley and is currently working on another. This proactive action means we can control development appropriately and protect the character of our area."

A spokeswoman for Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council said it has also served Article 4 directions on sites to restrict work without planning permission.

Cllr Gary Williamson, the Sevenoaks' cabinet member for planning, added: "We're concerned about those unsuspecting people who buy these plots of land thinking they could be developed for housing.

"These green belt sites are protected and any proposal to develop them is extremely unlikely to be granted planning permission."

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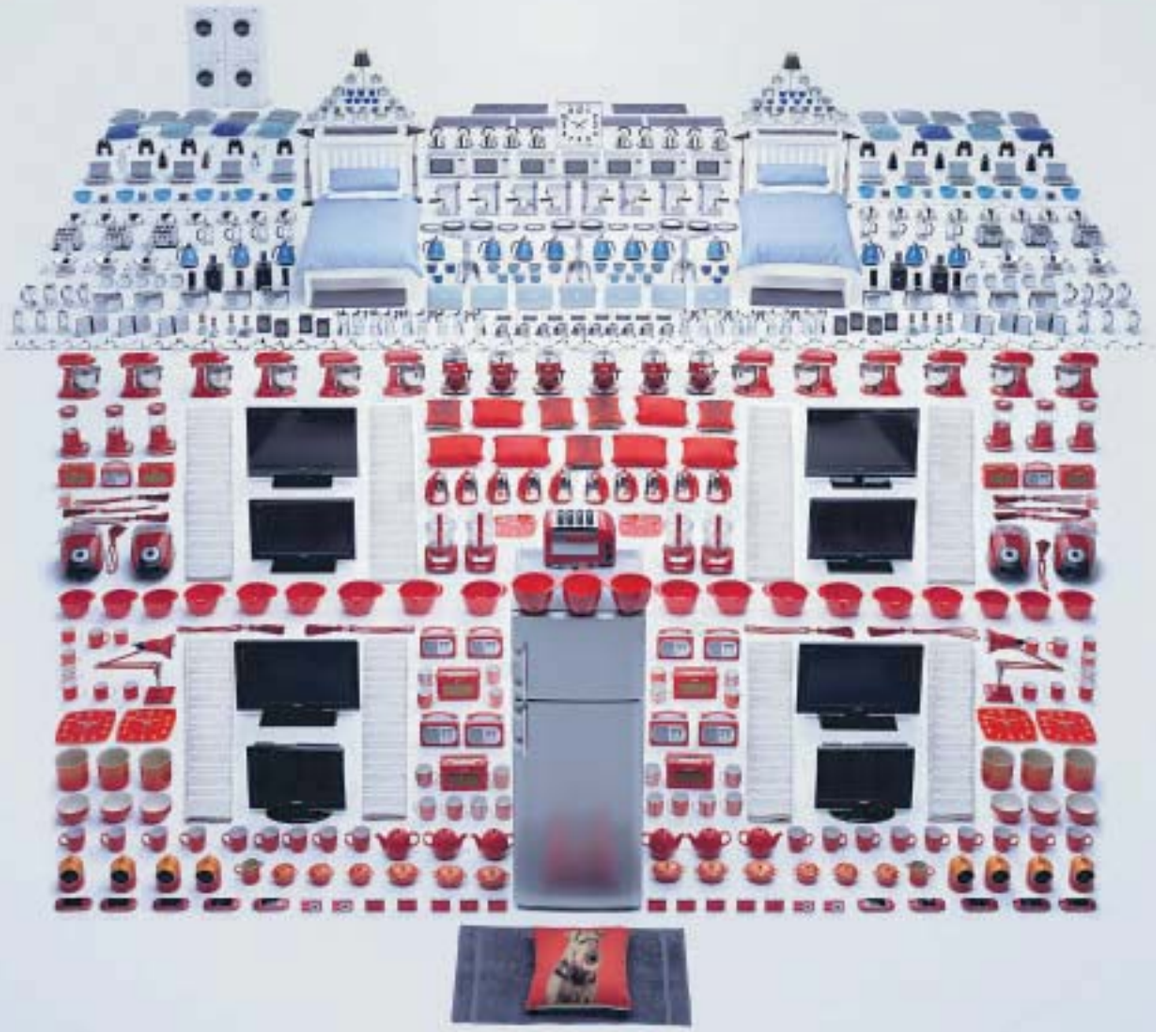

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Moths winning the conker fight

By JANE CONNOLLY

CONKERS could be under threat this autumn as a tiny moth attacks horse chestnut trees in Tunbridge Wells.

The leaf miner moth causes leaves to turn brown and drop prematurely, a problem which has been spreading rapidly across the South East over the last few years. Not only do infected trees look unattractive, but they also tend to produce smaller, weaker conkers that could spoil the traditional autumn game for children.

Gary Stevenson, head of environment and street scene at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, confirmed that the pest had been discovered in the area.

"Horse chestnut leaf miner does affect the trees in our parks," he said. "It is a relatively new pest to Britain and scientists are still learning about it, so at the present time we can't do much about the problem. However, we have reported our infected trees to Forest Research, who are mapping the infestation across the country."

When the leaf miner moth infects a tree, the larvae burrow into the leaves and cause them to turn brown. Unable to carry out the vital process of photosynthesis, the leaves shrivel and drop earlier than usual.

"It is thought that the moth doesn't cause lasting damage to the trees, apart from leaves turning brown early and the subsequent leaf drop," Mr Stevenson said. "Although this may weaken the tree, leaving it open to other infections."

Originating in Macedonia, the horse chestnut leaf miner was first spotted in the late 1970s and has since spread steadily through central and eastern Europe. The first UK case was recorded in London in 2002 and it has continued to spread across the south east, East Anglia and the Midlands, along with other areas of western Europe.

As the pupa of the leaf miner moth are contained within the horse chestnut leaves, clearing fallen leaves is one way in which council staff can fight the infestation. But even this course of action could have harmful effects on the ecosystem.

"There are few control options available to us at present, apart from good hygiene in removing leaf litter as soon as we can," Mr Stevenson said. "Although in the long term this could reduce the number of other beneficial insects that feed on the over-wintering larvae of the leaf miners."

DAMAGE: The miner moth causes leaves to drop from horse chestnuts earlier than usual

Bridging lessons

CHILDREN and teachers from Pembury School will be displaying their card playing skills at the House of Lords this week.

Sixteen youngsters will head to Westminster on Thursday to showcase the English Bridge Union's three-year initiative to bring the card game Minibridge into classrooms.

Minibridge, a trick-taking card game similar to bridge, has proved to help children with their maths and English.

They will be welcomed by the Lord Speaker, Baroness Hayman, who will conduct a tour of the building as part of an event hosted by the All Party Parliamentary Group for Bridge.

Afterwards, they will be invited to play a Minibridge match against the various Lords, Ladies and MPs.

Collecting fines

A BLITZ on unpaid court fines has been launched across the county.

The month-long Operation Crackdown is being implemented by Her Majesty's Court Service and will see officers raid the homes of those owing money.

Approved enforcement agencies will also be issued with warrants to confiscate property. Where necessary, those who refuse to co-operate will be arrested. Court time will be set aside to deal specifically with fine dodgers.

Cash for hospice

AUTHOR Victoria Hislop drew the winning ticket in a raffle organised to raise funds for the Hospice in the Weald.

The writer, who lives in Cranbrook, was joined at the Swans Shoes in the town for the draw by hospice volunteer Mandy Knight.

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Session 1. 9.30 – 10.00
Winning business from the public sector TODAY Panel discussion
In the wake of the comprehensive spending review, many businesses will have to review the way in which they trade with the public sector. Public sector procurement covers everything from multi-billion pound orders for aircraft carriers down to contracts to clean the windows of local schools or supply flowers to the town hall. Every government department, local authority, LEA and health trust has its procurement officers and each has its own buying requirements.
Panel members: Tim Allen, Group Managing Director, MJ Allen
Martin Wragg, Defence Suppliers Service, MOD
Jeff Alexander, Head of External Affairs, South East Region, EEF

Session 2. 10.15 – 10.45
Readying investment… how to catch your dragon
Many people have some great ideas; however, translating then into a tangible prospect for business and investors is not always so easy. Come along and hear how to attract and secure equity investment into your business... the do's and don'ts, rights and wrongs... and how to spectacularly cock it up.
Speakers: Phil Beavan, Portfolio Director, Innovation & Growth Team
Elizabeth Dolding, Partner, Warners Solicitors

Session 3. 11.00 – 11.30
Digital Revolution: What's in it for business?
Apps, stats, video, mobile technology, the web – what does it all mean for business? How can we be a part of the digital revolution and what are the implications for businesses. Come and hear from a leading expert, who has over 10 years of experience in this area, as well as working for leading companies such as Lycos Europe.
Speaker: Johnnie Jensen, Success Engineer, Tmandi

Session 4. 11.45 – 12.15
Tweet, greet and network… is social media like Twitter, Facebook and Linkedin worth the investment?
Despite the tremendous growth of business presences on social media sites, such as Facebook, LinkedIn Twitter etc, there are still many misconceptions about how best to use it. Come and hear from an expert, with many years of experience in this area and dispel some of the myths.
Get advice about spending time up front doing analysis, research, goal setting and how having a strategy will make a social media plan easy to execute.
Speaker: Dan Maudhub, Managing Director, Wonderful Creative Agency

Session 5. 1.00 - 1.30
Win the war for talent – getting the best staff
Despite the prospect of job cuts and redundancies, many sectors are struggling with a real shortage of skilled staff. With the green shoots of economic recovery starting to appear, businesses will have to work harder than ever to retain talent, and understand the best way to recruit such staff initially. Come and hear from a leading HR expert, who will offer businesses tips and hints on how to achieve this.
Speaker: Simon Brown, HR Transformation Deployment Director, Coca Cola Company

Session 6. 1.45 - 2.15
Manage and inspire… it doesn't have to be a secret
Books and courses are not a panacea to good management, nor do they guarantee that people will be able to put the theory into practice. Come and hear from a motivational speaker, who has over 20 years experience in operational management, sales, change management, training & coaching, personal and organizational development.
Speaker: Neil Annis, Managing Partner, ThinkGap

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Global brand marketing strategies for local businesses
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Speaker: Ben Edwards, Marketing Manager, Page Suite

Session 8. 3.15 - 3.45
The Big Debate – what will be the role of business in the Big Society?
David Cameron launched the 'Big Society' to empower communities and said that groups should be able to run post offices, libraries, transport services and shape housing projects. What are the implications of this for businesses and how can they be involved? Come and join a panel session with leading experts from business and social enterprise to hear what they think the future landscape may look like.
Panel members: Celia Richardson, Director of Communications, Social Enterprise Coalition
Johnnie Jenson, Success Engineer, Tmandi
Clive Relf, Senior Business and Tax Partner, Reeves & Co LLP
Desmond High, Director, EMC Management Consultants Ltd
Roger House, Regional Chair of the Federation of Small Businesses

Speakers' Corner

SMART marketing and funding can turn a good idea into a profitable business, says an industry expert.
Phil Beavan, portfolio director for the Innovation and Growth Team, said too much focus is often put on a product without enough thought about how to bring in investment.
The straight-talking business guru will address Business Week Live delegates on 'Investment ready – how to catch your dragon'.
"You have to make sure the product is financially ready, that there will be high growth and a good exit route," he said.
"People have to make sure they are investment ready. There have been real horror stories where people have got a great product, but spend so much time focusing on that that they get nowhere and have lost a lot of money."
Mr Beavan said since he started with the Government-funded Kent and Medway Innovation and Growth Team in March, he has raised just over £500,000 in investment for businesses.

FACEBOOK, Twitter and other social networking websites have levelled the playing field between large and small businesses, says digital marketing specialist Jonnie Jensen.
Mr Jensen's Tmandi firm works with other companies to help them improve their internet search ranking and teach them how to make the best use of modern technology - a must in business today he says.
He will talk about 'The Digital Revolution' at Business Week Live: "The digital revolution has enabled businesses of all sizes to compete against one another. In the earlier days of the internet it was all about who had the most money to spend. A classic example would be companies from the insurance sector buying the most expensive keywords so customers would always come to their sites first on search engines like Google.
"But now the use of social media like blogs and forums has brought us right back to what was the original measure of a successful business, and that was representation.
"I'm keen to point out to small and medium-sized firms that there's never been a better opportunity for them to succeed. All it really takes is a creative mind and a commitment to reach the top."

PRIVATE sector firms should be pulling out all the stops to capitalise on the outsourcing of public sector contracts, says engineering boss Tim Allen.
Mr Allen – the group MD of the Ashford-based MJ Allen Group – is taking part in a panel discussion on the subject at Business Week Live: "Although there will be lots of cutbacks, the public spend is still large and there's still work to get. And with more outsourcing away from public control, there's a great opportunity for private companies to make the best of it.
"But there's no substitute for getting out there, knocking on people's doors and letting everyone know what you do."
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by STEVE LOADER

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I know many businesses had been holding off making their plans for 2011 because they wanted to hear what Chancellor Osborne had in mind.

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And I'm happy that Business Week Live can deliver solid foundations upon which to build or re-build rather than an exercise in tracing pretty patterns.

Instead of token celebrity speakers which, as a scribe I would welcome for the anecdotes and column inches they deliver, there is a roster of experienced industry experts discussing issues facing us all today at Business Week Live who can send delegates away with more than a few top tips that may rescue and re-energise their business.

There are a few stands remaining so companies need to move fast to secure one.

Entry is free of course, but some proprietors and managers may question whether they can afford time to attend; I would ask 'Can you afford not to?' when there is so much free advice and expertise on offer. Plus £2,500+ worth of training access from one speaker alone.

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Repairs are turned off until after Christmas

A WATER company has stopped a £176,000 repair scheme after complaints from local businesses.

South East Water was set to begin the eight-week project replacing 820m (2,960 ft) of water main along Spring Hill between Penshurst and Fordcombe last Monday.

Plans included closing the road between Colliersland Bridge and Springhill Farm.

But after businesses in the area raised concerns that the work would disrupt Christmas trade, the water company and Kent Highways agreed to postpone it until the first week in January.

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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David Brend, South East Water's delivery manager, said: "After listening to concerns from local businesses we worked with Kent Highways to find an alternative option.

"We have now agreed that this work should be delayed until January, when trade will be much quieter.

"However, I would like to emphasise how important this work is to the area.

"There have been 19 bursts in recent times which have caused considerable disruption to residents – including flooding, interruptions to water supply and the consequential damage to the road surface itself.

"There is then further disruption to the wider community as a result of emergency road closures to carry out the repairs."

South East Water warned that when the works go ahead in the New Year the road closure will go ahead and cause disruption to traffic in the area.

Mr Brend added: "We would like to apologise for any inconvenience our work in Spring Hill causes, but we hope this short term pain will be for a long term gain as we secure drinking water supplies."

Specialist 'no-dig' technology using a 'mechanical mole' will carry out the repairs meaning that the work will be quicker than with traditional methods, the water company said.

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Change a life by helping a rough sleeper

A HOMELESSNESS charity has called on people to help them find more rough sleepers for their outreach team to aid, ***writes Jenna Pudelek***.

Porchlight's latest campaign, Change a Future, is being piloted in four areas across the county, including Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks.

Gill Bryant, strategic manager for the charity's Kent Outreach Service, said: "Members of the public, such as those walking dogs or people in certain jobs, for example refuse collectors, will find themselves out at unusual hours and in secluded locations.

"This means they are likely to spot people who are sleeping rough or perhaps evidence of make-shift shelters."

The areas included in the pilot were chosen because they all have different problems with homelessness.

A spokesman for the charity said: "Sevenoaks is quite a low need area because there are not a lot of people sleeping rough, whereas Tunbridge Wells has quite a high number of rough sleepers."

Well hidden

He said Sevenoaks had quite a large rural area, and it might be that the homeless people were difficult to spot and there could be more than thought.

The other areas chosen are Shepway and Ashford.

Ms Bryant added: "The ability of the general public to give us accurate information about rough sleepers is crucial to us being able to get people off the streets and into long term accommodation.

"It is particularly useful to us in large rural areas, where rough sleepers tend to be well hidden. The public really does have the power to change a person's future for the better. When we know, we can help."

There is already a high demand for the charity's outreach service, with more than 400 referrals in the last six months and an average of 744 calls a month to the helpline.

The spokesman said the pilot was to gauge how much pressure the campaign would put on existing services so that it could plan for it to be rolled out across the country in the new year.

If you see someone you think might need the charity's help either call the helpline on 0800 567 7699 or complete an online form at www.porchlight.org.uk/changeafuture.

Make the most of council funding with a grant application

LOCAL voluntary and charitable organisations are being given the chance to make a bid for vital cash.

Sevenoaks District Council's Community Grant Scheme aims to help voluntary organisations with money for the financial year 2011/12.

The scheme aims to help voluntary organisations whose services are available to residents of the Sevenoaks district.

Cllr Pat Bosley, Sevenoaks District Council's cabinet member with responsibility for community grants, says: "Despite a massive reduction in our funding, we are continuing to make grant support available to voluntary groups. We recognise that their work and effort make a real difference to the lives of local people."

The closing date for all applications is Wednesday, December 22.

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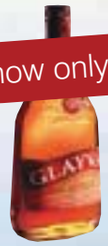

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Musician's hospice gig

A JAZZ concert will be held next weekend to raise funds for a hospice.

Keith Nichols and The Collegians will perform a show of Good Time Jazz, from Ragtime to Swing, at St Dunstans Church in Mayfield on Friday, November 12, from 8pm.

Tickets, costing £12 each or £10 for groups of six or more, are available from Rosina Fabrics in High Street, Mayfield, which can be contacted on 01435 873670.

All proceeds of the event will go to Hospice in the Weald, which is based in Pembury.

■ A BULB planting day took place in Sevenoaks recently in a bid to enhance the community.

Sevenoaks town councillors joined members of the Greatness Residents' Association to plant 500 bulbs in just two hours at the Greatness recreation ground.

Mayor, Cllr Simon Raikes, said: "It is important for us all to work together to improve our environment for the benefit of the community."

Remembering our

By **JANE CONNOLLY**
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TRIBUTES will be paid to the fallen during next week's many Remembrance events.

Parades, church services and fundraising events are being held throughout the county, to remember those who lost their lives in conflict.

On Thursday, November 11, the Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas will give a Remembrance Day concert in Tunbridge Wells, to raise money for the care of disabled ex-service people. The band will perform at the Trinity Theatre in aid of the Royal Star and Garter Charity, which has been caring for veterans and their partners for nearly 100 years.

Representing a community which recently won its own fight for fair treatment in the UK, the Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas will be helping to fund the charity's current and future work. The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £14/£12. To book call the box office on 01892 678678 or visit www.trinitytheatre.net.

The Royal British Legion will mark Armistice Day in Tonbridge by holding a two-minute silence at the Watergate Entrance to Tonbridge Castle at 11am on Thursday. The Maroons will be fired at 11am and again after the silence, to be followed by a short service which will include the Last Post, Exhortation, Reveille, a Bible reading and prayers.

The service will be conducted by David

Youngsters to enjoy a lesson with songwriter

THE composer behind some of TV's best known theme songs will be holding a special masterclass for children this week.

British songwriter Simon May – whose best-known work includes the themes for EastEnders, Howard's Way and Nick Berry's chart-topper Every Loser Wins – will speak to students at Rose Hill school on Tuesday.

He will be joining Rose Hill's director of music, David Everist, to create a fully interactive day for the youngsters aged between seven and 13.

They will then rehearse to sing at a concert, which is taking place that evening at 6pm.

Mr May will show the pupils at the Tunbridge Wells prep school how to improvise and compose music by running a compositional workshop. He is also on hand all day to answer questions about how to make it in the competitive world of music.

Currently part of Music on Screen, a collaboration of three composers and music producers, Mr May said: "Children and music are the most rewarding passions in my life apart from my wife and family.

"I always come away with a great feeling of warmth and sense of achievement afterwards. Children never cease to amaze me. They don't put limits on themselves or their potential to achieve and as a result, they create fantastic songs. I'm really looking forward to visiting Rose Hill and hearing the next generation of musical talent."

Last week, Mr May's latest album was at number 38 in the HMV album charts.

brave war heroes

Smith of St Eanswythe's Mission, Canon Mark Brown of Tonbridge Parish Church and Michael Smith of Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Mayor of Tonbridge, Cllr Sue Murray and her consort, Stuart Murray, will attend the service.

On Remembrance Sunday, November 14, a service and wreath laying will take place at the Gardens of Remembrance in Tonbridge at 10.50am, followed by a parade which will set out from Bradford Street at about 11.15am. Led by the 17th Tonbridge Scout and Guide Band, the parade will make its way to the St Peter and St Paul Parish Church for the Town Service of Remembrance, which starts at 11.45am and will be followed by light refreshments in the church lounge.

The Mayor of Tonbridge will be attending, along with David Hughes, chief executive of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Brian Luker.

Tunbridge Wells' Remembrance Sunday service will be held at the war memorial outside the town hall at 10.45am and will be led by the Mayor's Chaplain, Rev Robert Avery of King Charles the Martyr Church, with Father Peter Stodart of St Augustine's Church and Rev Sue Diggory of St Mark's Church. Music for the hymns will be provided by the Salvation Army Band.

The Mayor and Mayoress, David and Wendy Jukes, will be among the notable figures laying wreaths at the war memorial, alongside the Deputy Lieutenant of Kent, Peter Blackwell, the senior police officer, Chief Superintendent Tony Thomas and Christopher Everett of the Royal British Legion. They will also be joined by MP Greg Clark and Lieutenant Colonel Powell of the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment. Gary Faulkner will act as parade marshal and Christopher Hall will be the narrator.

The parade will set out from the parade ground after the service and march past the town hall, where the mayoral party will take the salute on the steps.

After the service, the Deputy Mayor and escort, Elizabeth and Robert Thomas, will go to Hawkenbury cemetery to lay a wreath with Mr Everett.

That afternoon in West Malling, a parade will set out from the Saluting Base and the Major will take the salute at the pump in High Street at 2.10pm. The parade then continues to St Mary's Church for a Service of Remembrance at 2.30pm and a wreath laying at the war memorial afterwards.

A parade and service will take place in Sevenoaks on Remembrance Sunday, starting at 10.50am. This takes place on the Vine and will be attended by Sevenoaks Town Mayor, Cllr Simon Raikes, along with Sevenoaks District Council's chairman, Cllr Keith Loney.

The Royal British Legion's annual Remembrance service takes place at St Peter and St Paul Parish Church in Edenbridge at 2.30pm, followed by a parade from the church to the War Memorial Hospital after the service.

Remembrance services are being held at numerous other churches across the area next Sunday. Westerham Parish Church will hold a service at 10.30am and there will be a family Remembrance service at Five Oak Green United Church from 10am to 11am. St Thomas a Becket Church in Capel will pay tribute with a service starting at 10.55am and running for an hour and a half.

New chaplain at religious hospital

THE Reverend Jonathan Hall has been licensed as resident chaplain to Burrswood Christian Hospital this week.

The ceremony was conducted by the Bishop of Tonbridge, the Right Revd Brian Castle.

The service was attended by many local clergy as well as visitors from Revd Hall's previous parish on the Isle of Wight, and trustees, staff and patients at Burrswood.

The Groombridge centre is a 40-bed non-surgical hospital for non-acute, short stay patients.

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■ A MOTORIST suffered minor injuries after his car overturned onto a grass verge on a busy road.

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Concern for the future

As a Sherwood resident for the past 25 years, I welcome the decision to turn Sherwood Lake into a town green for the benefit and enjoyment of the whole community.

Community joy at 'town green'

However, the threat to other green spaces in Sherwood should not be ignored. Elsewhere in your newspaper you reveal that Sherwood Conservative Cllr Frank Williams has been sacked from the cabinet by Cllr Roy Bullock for daring to speak out on issues of importance to residents.

Some months ago, Frank Williams and one of his fellow councillors published a leaflet which raised crucial questions about future plans for the estate and surrounding areas, particularly the secretive Sherwood Vision.

Residents such as myself have been calling for more clarification and consultation as to what these proposals actually mean and what impact they would have on existing open spaces in terms of housing development.

We are highly concerned that the Oak Road doorstep green, which was hard fought for over many years by residents, as well as the Sandhurst Road allotments, may be eyed-up by developers.

So far, as with the equally-secretive proposals for the town centre development, we have had no answers.

It should also be noted that although your news report states that Town & Country Housing 'owns' the Sherwood estate, there are many of us who live in roads and housing not controlled by this association, and that any consultation process should involve all residents, wherever they live, as everyone is equally affected by decisions about our future.

Dr Alan Bullion, Sherwood.

Campaigners Shout about civic buildings

We're not with them

Please allow me to make a correction to last week's article 'Campaigners shout about civic building', in which it was stated that a new group named Shout had been formed to spearhead the fight to save the civic buildings.

The group was said to have joined forces with other local organisations, one of which was the Tunbridge Wells Over 50s Forum (TWOFF).

May I state that, whilst many individual members are against the redevelopment of the civic centre and share the aims of Shout, TWOFF as a whole is not affiliated to this pressure group.

Maggie Fraser, chair, Tunbridge Wells Over Fifties Forum.

Get a reality check

I despair for the future of Tunbridge Wells, I really do.

The top brass at the council seem to have lost their grip on those of us who live and work in the town, and instead are apparently blinkered into nothing but destroying our heritage in pursuit of more retail centres.

Tunbridge Wells may well be at a crossroads right now, as we are always told, but the way in which everything has been conducted, the rows that are now on-going, and the lack of being open and honest is fast making us a laughing stock. And the council leaders need to realise that sooner rather than later.

R Smith, Southborough

Kind-hearted helper

While walking along the Pantiles the other day, I saw an elderly man take a tumble as he walked down some steps.

A kindly gentleman was quickly on the scene, using his bag as a pillow while the man caught his breath, brushed himself down and hobbled off.

In addition a number of onlookers offered help too.

Not only was it extremely gratifying to see such acts of kindness swing into action so quickly, it did raise some concerns over the safety of the many steps on the Pantiles.

In this sort of weather, when the leaves and rain are falling, the pavements are becoming particularly dangerous.

Not only are they slippery, but the leaves often obscure the many dips and bumps in the brick pavements.

All of which means I would like to urge everyone to take a little extra care, and I hope, if I take a tumble one of these days, I'm fortunately enough to be surrounded by concerned members of the public as the elderly gentleman I saw on Monday was.

J Pickering, Tunbridge Wells

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DEATHS

BRIDGER
Cecil Francis Bridger died peacefully on 25th October 2010. Funeral service at Eltham Crematorium at 11:45 on Wednesday 17th November.

DALTON
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McLEAN
In loving memory of David Elvery McLean, passed away on 28th October 2010. A dearly loved father, grandfather and brother. We will always remember you.

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Glenis Margaret Rayfield sadly passed away on 29th October 2010 aged 66. Dearly loved by husband Barry, children, Jason, Nathan, Nicola,and Guy and grandchildren. Always in our hearts and thoughts. You were one in a million.

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Daphne Rennie of Ramsgate passed away on 26th October 2010. Enquiries to H R Palmer Funeral Directors 01843 592720. To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever.

SMITH
Wilhelm Smith (retired Thanet Consultant Physician) passed away at the QEQM Hospital on 28th October 2010, aged 76. He will be sadly missed by his wife June, daughters Jeanne, Beverley and Michelle, brother Dallas, nine grandchildren and his many dear friends and relatives. Funeral service at Garlinge Methodist Church, 11am on Monday 8th November, followed by burial at Minster Cemetery. Family flowers only please but donations if wished to the Salvation Army, c/o Gore Brothers, Margate.

STAPELEY
In remembrance of Jeffery Stapeley who sadly passed away on 30th October 2010. A wonderful father and grandfather who will be very sadly missed.

WHITE
The family are saddened to announce the death of Roderick Leslie White. Rod passed away suddenly on Friday 22nd October 2010. Rod was a much loved Father, Brother and Grandfather and will be very sadly missed.

Our fruit heritage worth conserving

I read with interest your story headlined 'Orchards crisis a risk to Garden of England title' (October 24).

As fruit sommelier for Sainsbury's, conserving Britain's orchards and encouraging shoppers to enjoy British apples and pears is of huge importance.

Through Sainsbury's work with its concept orchards, we work with growers to ensure orchard land is protected and preserved for growing Britain's favourite fruit for years to come. Under this scheme, orchard yields have increased from 20 tonnes per hectare to 60 tonnes. Furthermore, as a nation we are producing 36 per cent of all apples sold in the UK, a figure which has increased progressively from 24 per cent in 2003.

We are constantly working closely with our growers to introduce non-British varieties to UK soil – meaning we are less reliant on imports. Our recent offering of the new Delsanne pear (created in France, but now being grown in new orchards in the UK exclusively for Sainsbury's) is a prime example. Five years ago it would have been impossible to imagine growing British Braeburns, but we've proved we can do it.

It's also worth noting that sales of the Sainsbury's Best of British apple bag – a selection of different varieties – are up almost 50 per cent on last year, showing that we are investing in British fruit more than ever before. My message to readers is to seek out home-grown fruit and buy seasonally – the only real way to protect our orchards for future generations.

Dr Theresa Huxley, Sainsbury's

'Open and honest', just like the last lot

Is it any wonder that Labour – even with their recent dreadful history – have gone ahead of the Conservatives in the polls?

We now have David Cameron doing exactly the same as Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, with lies and broken promises. People are fed up with politicians who promise to be open and honest, only to find it is more of the same.

As I remember, Mr Cameron was going to repeal the Human Rights Act but that also seems to have been quietly dropped. The trouble with these so-called clever people in Government is that they take the electorate for fools.

We need a party that puts our country above the needs of anything else. If we had a party in power like that we would not be in the mess we are in.

Unfortunately, Mr Cameron and his party are proving on a daily basis that they are not the ones to do this.

RE Tucker, Sheerness

Private sector can fill the RDA void

There have been cries of dismay over Vince Cable's admission that the new local enterprise partnerships (LEPs) will not receive funding to enable them to access the Government's £1.4 billion regional growth fund.

However, critics should pause to think before rushing to the conclusion that this will inhibit access to finance for small businesses.

Earlier this year, regional development agencies (RDAs) were abolished partly because they ate up £2bn per year, or 13 per cent of the investment that they managed, in admin costs. Funding for the LEPs would only serve to reinstate the RDA system, if perhaps on a smaller scale.

What seems to be at fault here, is the fundamental process by which regional businesses are expected to apply for Government funding, by demonstrating how well their plans fit into a cumbersome sub-regional policy master plan. To anyone who isn't immersed in policy-speak, it borders on madness for the Government to fund bodies so that they can afford to apply for more Government funds. Instead, communication, referrals, bid preparation and evaluation should really all be taken up by private sector organisations and advisers on the ground, who are trusted by businesses and do not require funding. Accountants, for instance, are well placed to signpost businesses to the fund and provide support to applicants.

If there are still concerns that more disadvantaged regions may lose out, the Government should simply agree on a given percentage of the £1.4bn to be allocated to each region. The growth of small businesses will be vital to the recovery of the economy and Government money must be allocated where it will help them the most, not poured into a bureaucratic black hole.

Manos Schizas, policy adviser, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Keeping the supply of blood flowing

NHS Blood and Transplant would like to thank everyone who took time to donate during the third Daniel De-Gale Blood Donation Week.

Hundreds of donors turned out across the country to support the event, held in memory of the African Caribbean Leukaemia Trust charity spearhead Daniel De-Gale who survived leukaemia, but unfortunately died, aged 21, in 2008 due to other complications. Thanks to all our committed donors, and those recruited by the ACLT to donate for the first time, together we were able to boost blood stocks and helped raise awareness of the importance of blood donation within black and mixed-race communities.

However, we still need donors to give blood over the coming weeks. As winter approaches blood stocks tend to dip due to people not donating because of seasonal illnesses.

We're asking people to keep their appointments and if they do need to change them, call us on 0300 123 23 23 to rearrange.

NHSBT would like to thank all donors for their ongoing commitment, without whom, many thousands of lives would be lost each year.

Jon Latham, NHS Blood and Transplant

Connecting young with community

New research published by the Prince's Trust reveals that one in three young people do not feel part of their community.

Sadly, our report shows that one in five feels isolated most of the time and one in 10 feels like an outcast.

The fact that so many young people feel separated from those around them is a tragedy. Being part of a community and interacting with a mix of people is a crucial part of a young person's development.

In the South East, the Prince's Trust team programme is helping disadvantaged young people connect with their communities and build key workplace skills. The course helps young people break the cycle of poverty and unemployment, with more than three in four moving into work, education or training.

It also gives them a chance to feel a part of their community through voluntary projects – from renovating care homes for older people to creating sensory gardens for disabled children.

Since the programme was launched 20 years ago, young people have contributed an incredible 15 million hours of voluntary work to their communities across the country, including in the South East. The estimated value of this to society is almost £70 million – a staggering sum and worth celebrating.

The Prince's Trust has launched Make a Change Week to celebrate the efforts of young people in the South East and across the country. To join us and pledge your support, visit www.princes-trust.org.uk/20.

Rosemary Watt-Wyness, South East regional director, Prince's Trust

Who is really the victim of terror?

Regarding your story headlined 'Police bring end to animal extremists' reign of terror', one has to examine why people have been driven to such lengths to attempt to close Huntingdon Life Science laboratories (HLS).

HLS is Europe's largest animal testing lab. A major part of their work involves testing chemicals and household products such as food sweeteners and insecticides. These procedures are not harmless tests on animals, but extremely painful and sickening experiments on cats, dogs, primates and other defencless creatures, often with no anaesthetic.

This wretched place was first exposed in 1981 when an undercover investigator revealed animals with open sores, cowering with fear in cages covered in blood, vomit and diarrhoea.

In 1997, Channel 4 filmed workers punching beagles in the face. In 2004, The Observer newspaper exposed HLS for gassing beagle dogs to test a CFC chemical which was banned 15 years before.

And in 2008, HLS was exposed again when monkeys were shipped for up to 70 hours from Vietnam. The experiments on them are too distressing to detail here.

If pets were treated in the street as are these unfortunate animals, there would be a public outcry. But animal experiments are protected by the Official Secrets Act.

Only undercover investigations have revealed the horrific mistreatment of these living, sentient beings. Many drugs tested on animals have had disastrous effects on humans, the most notorious being the morning sickness drug Thalidomide which caused babies to be born deformed. There are humane and far more efficient methods of testing products and medicines without resorting to using living animals, such as cell and tissue cultures and stem cell research.

When years of peaceful protest are ignored by successive governments who protect the profits of multinationals and the pharmaceutical industry, is it any wonder that people who care desperately about the deliberately inflicted suffering of animals take matters further and, like the suffragettes and the abolitionists of slavery, are willing to give up their liberty to effect change.

Vivien Clifford, Deal

Child benefit limit is fairest method

While I fully agree with the comment regarding any household with a total income of £44,000 not receiving child benefit (Carole Russell, last week), I cannot see how only paying benefit for the first child would prevent people who never work from having large families.

If the benefit system remains as it is, people who never work would have what they lose in child benefit made up with increased alternative benefits.

I believe what the Government is doing is fair. Responsible people only have the number of children they can afford and definitely do not have more if for some unforeseen reason they are forced to live on benefits.

Also, why is it assumed that capping housing benefit will force people out of their homes?

Only a court can enforce an eviction and I believe the scenario will actually force landlords to accept lower rents rather than voids.

Valerie Mitchell, Larkfield

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Wheelie successful

A UNIVERSITY of Greenwich student has been named as the South and South Eastern Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

Charmaine Kemp, who graduated with an honours degree in business studies and marketing in 2008, was commended at the Shell Live Wire awards ceremony in London.

Dragons' Den judge Duncan Bannatyne was among a group of experts at the event.

Ms Kemp, 28, from Dartford, won the young entrepreneur of the year award for her Wheelie Good Mobility scheme which sees mobility scooters and power chairs refurbished and sold at reduced prices.

Trio plug in for EDF

A FORMER fisherman, a travel agent and an electrician have all been selected to be trainee engineers with EDF Energy Networks.

James Doughty, 34, from Ramsgate, who worked as a fisherman for eight years, Graeme Johnston, 24, a domestic electrician from Ramsgate, and former travel agent Ben Shakespeare, 22, from Dartford, are among 11 trainees on the course.

They saw off hundreds to gain their places on the company's Engineering Development Programme (EDP), which will equip them with the skills necessary to become engineers.

They will also attend London South Bank University to do a foundation degree in power distribution.

AN ARTS and animation student has been commended at the annual Canterbury Anifest.

The Canterbury City Council-run event, which looks to get people involved in the art of animation, saw University for the Creative Arts student David Keefe scoop the Audience Award.

His film, An Audience With, also finished runner-up in the best film category, which was judged by Bafta-nominated filmmakers.

YES, students can have help with careers

By **MARIJKE COX**
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STUDENTS are being given a helping hand in preparing for their future by a new careers scheme.

The Your Employability Skills (YES) initiative at Canterbury Christ Church University gears students up for their first steps into the competitive jobs market by helping them develop their skills.

Workshops and activities, including CV writing and interview techniques, as well as sessions focusing on networking, time management and negotiation are available for students at the university.

Development

The scheme aims to highlight the importance of developing the skills for a future career.

Geoff Haworth, director of student support and guidance at the university, said: "We are committed to supporting and developing our students to ensure they are able to compete at the highest levels.

"The YES initiative further supports the university's employability strategy, which highlights the importance of developing employability skills as students venture into an increasingly challenging job market."

The official launch of the scheme saw guest speakers from a range of industries explaining to students the current trends in employment and what to expect in the workplace.

Drop-in sessions were then provided to deal with quick queries about employability and careers.

A volunteering fair was held in conjunction with the launch, which brought together hundreds of students and local volunteering organisations.

Last year, students at Canterbury Christ Church University volunteered 8,500 hours of their time to give something back to the community for free and gain experience.

The university encourages students to look into volunteering projects.

Employers interested in working with the university and students to promote and enhance employability can email Rebecca Douglas, employability advisor, at rebecca.douglas@canterbury.ac.uk or call 01227 782937.

Students interested in studying at Canterbury Christ Church, which has campuses in Canterbury, Broadstairs, Medway and Folkestone, should visit the website at www.canterbury.ac.uk, call 01227 767700, or for a prospectus call 01227 782900.

BOOK IN: Author Michelle Evans and social work lecturer Andrew Whittaker

Book to raise our awareness

A NEW book promoting a greater understanding of people with sensory needs has been released.

Sensory Awareness and Social Work, written by former London South Bank University student Michelle Evans, from Whitstable, and her senior social work lecturer, Andrew Whittaker, is believed to be one of the first practical works on the subject published in the UK.

The book was designed as a reference for social work students, but it can also be used for people working with sensory issues, including deafness and blindness, in a health or social care job.

Ms Evans, who is joining London South Bank University as a senior lecturer in mental health and learning difficulties, said she was inspired to write the book while researching her final year dissertation.

She said: "Often sensory needs go unnoticed or people are unsure how to deal with the issues. That was why I created the book, so social workers would be aware of sensory needs from the start of their training."

Sensory Awareness and Social Work is available at www.learningmatters.co.uk.

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Early Morning Cleaner

Rochester
Salary Negotiable
Part-time to work in a busy, friendly school. Immediate start subject to checks. Please email for application form recruitment@rochester-college.org Previous applicants need not applyClosing date 5th November www.rochester-college.org Star Hill, Rochester, Kent, ME1 1XF.
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Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities

Area Electrical Technician

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells
Salary circa. £25,000
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Estate Agency, Property

Cavity Wall Technician

Pembury
Salary Basic + excellent bonus scheme
Cosywall Insulation, Pembury require Cavity Wall Technician to operate in Tunbridge Wells and surrounding areas of Kent, Sussex and Surrey. Good customer skills and proven practical ability desirable. Basic + excellent bonus scheme, depending on experience. Apply by tel. 01892 825757 or e-mailing cv to jo@skinnerandreeves.com This position is permanent and offered by the Insulation division of Skinner & Reeves, established for over 50 years.
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john@skinnerandreeves.com
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Domestic Insulation Surveyor

Pembury
Salary £20,000 + commission
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Health & Beauty

Experienced Stylist & Apprentices

Folkestone
Salary TBC
Keith Graham Hairdressing Requires experienced stylists and apprentices at their Folkestone salon. Please call Sarah on 01303 257795.
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HR, Recruitment

SENIOR PAYROLL/ ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT

Broadstairs
Salary Dependant on Qualifications
SENIOR PAYROLL/ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT A vacancy has arisen for a Senior Payroll/Accounts Assistant within the Finance department, to work approximately 30 hours per week. The role will encompass a wide range of accounting and payroll duties, including PAYE, year-end payroll returns, P11D’s, VAT and account reconciliations. The ideal candidate will have extensive accounts and payroll experience and be numerate and computer literate. Salary dependent on qualifications and experience. Please send applications including current CV to Ms J Boraston, Finance Director, at the address below or email to joannab@blazeneon.com. Closing date Friday 12th November. Blaze Neon Limited 5 Patricia Way Pysons Road Broadstairs Kent. CT10 2XZ 01843 601075.
To apply/more information:
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sarahw@blazeneon.com
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Information Tech, Internet, Telecoms

Folding Operators

Ashford
Salary TBC
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Litho Printer

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Studio Mac Operator

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Salary TBC
Studio Mac Operator: preparing artwork for litho and flexo plates, preparing artwork for digital presses and creating PDF proofs for customer review. A good eye for detail is essential. Experience with litho and flexo printing is preferred although training could be given to the successful applicant. Experience with PCs and Macs is essential. Salary will be commensurate with experience. If you would like to discuss the above positions, please contact Niall Warne, Production Manager or Matt Knight, Studio Manager. Please apply in writing enclosing full CV to the address below. Alternatively applications may be emailed to gmorgan@cclind.com CCL Label (Ashford) Limited, Foster Road, Ashford Business Park, Sevington, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0SH Tel: 01233 503333.
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Leisure, Tourism, Travel

RECEPTION MANAGER

Dover
Salary Negotiable depending upon experience
Position: RECEPTION MANAGER Reference: TB/0610/dm Salary; Negotiable depending upon experience Location: Dover Marina HotelStart: As soon as possibleLeaf hotels are currently looking to recruit a RECEPTION MANAGER to assist in the running of their most recent acquisition, the 80 bedroom Dover Marina Hotel which is located in the heart of Dover's prestigious marina area. The Dover Marina Hotel is at present being extensively renovated and refurbished and is due to open in the last week in November initially as a 3 star hotel but with the aim of becoming a 4 star hotel at the next QIT assessmentLeaf hotels are eager to recruit a capable and experienced career driven professional to join their progressive team.The successful candidate will report to the Dover Marina Hotel, General Manager and will be responsible for reception, reservations and the night team. The duties will involve • Maintenance of 3rd Party Websites • Setting, training and maintaining all Reception standards, procedures and practices. • Managing and rostering a team of reception and night staff to cover a 24 hour operation • In cooperation with the Group Revenue Manager securing maximum room yield from activity. • Contributing to the recruitment, selection and training of departmental staff. • Controlling and managing the direct billing and aged debtors function. • Carrying out regular Duty Management shifts with responsible for The Hotel whilst on Duty. • Managing the Group Reservation system Contact: General Manager Email: david@ramadadover.co.uk Address: Dover Marina Hotel, Dover Waterfront, Dover, Kent CT17 9BP.
To apply/more information:
Ramada Hotel Dover
gm@ramadadover.co.uk
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Full Time Sales Consultants

Farnborough
Salary TBC
Experienced FULL TIME SALES CONSULTANTS required for our Farnborough office to join our busy call centre You will be familiar with dynamic packaging and have a good customer service and willing to work flexible hours. Fleetway Travel are fully ABTA, IATA, ATOL. The current opening hours are: 14.30-23.00 Monday-Thursday, 12.30-21.00 Friday and Saturday and 13.30-22.00 Sunday. Bank Holidays 12.30-21.00. For information please email hr@fleetway.com or call Jo-Anne Robinson on 0844 571 5672.
To apply/more information:
Fleetway Travel
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Santas

Bluewater
Salary
HO HO HO!
Seeking all Santas If you have a jolly personality, heaps of Christmas Spirit and a good rapport with children then we want you! To work in our Christmas Grotto at Bluewater Shopping Centre and Royal Victoria Place in Tunbridge Wells. We supply full costume including beard and belly if required, comprehensive training and a fun working environment. Full or Part Time hours available. You will either need to hold a CRB check no older than 12 months or be willing for us to apply for one on your behalf. Positions for Elves and Grotto Supervisors also available. Apply online: www.dreamtimeevents.com or contact us on: Tel: 01727 767258 E-Mail: office@dreamtimeevents.com
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Management, Senior Positions

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Chef's

Tunbridge Wells
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CHEF'S required Senior Chef de Partie level at The Beacon 1.5miles from Tunbridge Wells. Call Scott on 01892 524252.
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To apply/more information:
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Marketing, Advertising

Marketing, Sales and Communication

Canterbury
Salary 14k (starting **salary**)
Hours of Work: 31 hours Monday and Thurs 6.30am-12.30pm, 2pm-6.30pm Tues 1.30pm - 6.30pm Wed 2pm-7pmMOTIVATED & READY We are looking for someone who has an ability to communicate confidently with members of the public with a level of service that exceeds expectation. This role is office based within the health and wellness sector and also includes community based events for promotions. Only apply if you are interested in personal growth, development and a career. Whilst the role has a base salary depending on your demonstrative skills, there is huge potential for bonuses for any applicant. That is why you have to be the kind of person who enjoys having goals and helping people get well and stay well. If you love success, you are eager to help people and want to make a difference, please apply immediately or send you CV to: Dr Tracy Harley, The Wellness Practice, 30 Whitstable Road, Blean, Canterbury, CT2 9EB.
To apply/more information:
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monique@canterburyhealthpractice.co.uk
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Motor Trade, Driver

Drivers

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Salary TBC
Extrastaff are recruiting for DRIVERS Class 1 and Class 2 HIAB and Moffat 7.5 tonne Multi-drop All must have digital taco and multi-drop experience Based in Maidstone, Aylesford and surrounding area. Please call Sarah on 01622 695555.
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LGV C+E (HGV1) Drivers

Aylesford
Salary TBC
LGV C+E (HGV1) Drivers required to carry out store deliveries on behalf of a well known Supermarket chain. Various shifts available throughout the week - earlies, lates and weekends. Our client's insurance dictates that Drivers must hold a UK pass licence, be over 25, have 2 years C+E experience, and no more than 6 points for minor endorsements (no DRs or DDs). £9.25 - £14.00 per hour. Please contact Alex on 01622 664999 The Best Connection, Cornwallis House, Pudding Lane, Maidstone, ME14 1NY.
To apply/more information: Best Connection Agency (The) maidstone@ thebestconnection.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: KOS/AH/07

Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

Qualified & Registered Nurses (Clinical Advisors)

Coxheath
Salary Band 5, £21,176 - £27,534 + 25% unsocial hour payment
PASSIONATE ABOUT PATIENT CARE. Qualified & Registered Nurses (Clinical Advisors) Band 5, £21,176 - £27,534 + 25% unsocial hour payment Banstead (Surrey), Lewes (Sussex), Coxheath (Kent) The service is embarking upon an exciting journey to change the way that patients access urgent and emergency care over the telephone, this has created opportunities for qualified clinicians to staff our Clinical Advisor Desk. You will be champions for change, providing a clinical presence in the Control Room and improving patient access to a wide variety of pathways through the Directory of Services, thus ensuring patients receive the most appropriate advice and treatment based on their needs. These roles will suit Nurses from a variety of backgrounds and would be ideal for those returning to work following a career break, recent nursing graduates or those wishing to move away from a traditional ward, community or outpatient environment. Consideration will be given to full or part-time hours. For an informal discussion, please contact Daniel Garratt, Senior Distribution Manager on 07825 386491 or apply online at www.jobs.nhs.uk quoting reference 278-CLINADVISOR-0510-JT Closing date: 18 November 2010. An Equal Opportunities Employer www.secamb.nhs.uk
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Registered Nurse

Barham, Canterbury
Salary TBC
Barham House Nursing Home near Canterbury require a Registered Nurse - part-time Days and Nights For more information please Call Sheralyn Kelly. Tel: 01227 833400.
To apply/more information: Barham House barhamhouse@hotmail.co.uk
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Registered Nurses

Tunbridge Wells
Salary TBC
REGISTERED NURSES - TUNBRIDGE WELLS Excellent rates of pay plus benefits and possible accommodation Our client is a 40-bed independent hospital set in beautiful countryside on the Kent/Sussex borders. They have excellent opportunities for nurses wishing to be part of a caring and committed multi-disciplinary team offering whole person care. For full details please call Neil or Sally on: 01227 780888 or email your CV to: medical@ careerline.co.uk Ref: MH 2721.
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Registered Nurse

Dymchurch
Salary TBC
BETHANY LODGE Dymchurch Requires: REGISTERED NURSE Day or Night duty. To join us in caring for Adults with a physical disability. For more information and an application form please contact the Manager on Tel: 01303 872289.
To apply/more information: Bethany Lodge/Bethany House bethanylodge@btconnect.com
Quoting Job Ref:

Carers

Herne Bay
Salary TBC
Have you thought about a new and rewarding career? All Seasons is expanding and looking for carers in your area to join our teams in providing domiciliary care and support services in the community. Experience is desirable but not essential as training will be given. Own transport preferable. You must be able to work either early mornings or evenings and some weekends. For further information and an application pack call 01227 265899 or visit www.allseasons.org.uk Head Office: All Seasons (Kent) Ltd, Kent Enterprise House, 1 The Links, Herne Bay, Kent. CT6 7GQ.
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Support Workers

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To apply/more information: ACH Care Homes Ltd michelle.jenkins@achuk.com
Quoting Job Ref:

Bank Support Workers

Gravesend
Salary £6.53 per hour Is this the job for you? ACH is a fast-growing organisation, developing new, high-quality residential homes for adults with Learning Disabilities. Due to our continued growth we now require the following staff to complement our team at our home in Gravesend. Bank Support Workers £6.53 per hour For an application pack please visit our website at www.achuk.com Alternatively e-mail louanne.newman@ achuk.com or contact Human Resources on 0208 502 8849.
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Support Workers

Bobbing
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Full/Part time Care Assistants

Thanet
Salary TBC
121 Care & Mobility require Full/Part time Care Assistants in the Thanet area, experienced preferred but not essential. Own transport required. Competitive rate of pay, up to £7.85 per hr. Telephone 01227 792249.
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Care Workers

Ashford
Salary TBC
Scott Care Ltd
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Kent
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Print, Packaging, Distribution

Distributors

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Salary TBC
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Maidstone outskirts
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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

10/03264/HOUSE **Pine Tree Lodge The Street, Benenden**
- Installation of up to 12 photovoltaic solar panels (CA)

10/03481/HOUSE **South Cottage High Street, Brenchley**
- Demolition of outbuilding, creation of single storey rear infill extension, internal restoration and alterations and removal of chimney (CA) (LB)

10/03482/LBC **South Cottage High Street, Brenchley**
- Listed Building Consent: Demolition of outbuilding, creation of single storey rear infill extension, internal restoration and alterations and removal of chimney (LB)

10/03297/HOUSE **Eleven Plus Hungershall Park, Broadwater**
- New dormer window extension to rear elevation and two small conservation velux roof lights to front elevation (CA)

10/03414/HOUSE **Land Rear Of Glebe Cottage, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Erection of double garage at rear of Glebe Cottage to serve Bay Tree Cottage (CA) (LB)

10/03465/FUL **St Dunstans Church High Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Provision of safety guard rail to Tower roof (CA) (LB)

10/03490/HOUSE **Sissinghurst Court Sissinghurst Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Retrospective - Erection of orangery (LB)

10/03492/LBC **Sissinghurst Court Sissinghurst Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Listed Building Consent - To retain orangery already carried out (LB)

10/03352/FUL **Dunnocks Western Road, Hawkhurst**
- New dwelling (LB) (CA)

10/03322/FULMJ **OS Plot 7526 Furnace Lane, Horsmonden**
- Change of use of land to mixed equestrian and agricultural use. Construction of stable buildings with courtyard, sand school and access drive (MAJOR)

10/02712/FUL **The Cart Lodge Mount Pleasant, Lamberhurst**
- Erection of a block of 6 stables (LB)

10/03454/LBC **1 Hickmots Cottages High Street, Lamberhurst**
- Listed building consent - re-roofing (LB)

10/03457/FUL **5 Calverley Park Gardens Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Extension of Time - Extension of existing building to create eight additional apartments and alterations to front elevation (TW/08/00727/FUL refers) (CA)

10/03480/HOUSE **Dunorlan House Dunorlan Park, Park**
- Alterations and extension to existing outbuilding (CA) (LB)

10/03483/TELN5 **Pavement Opposite 41 High Street, Pembury**
- Telecommunication Notification: One 9m light pole (approx. 7.5m above ground) (CA)

10/03368/HOUSE **Priestwood Cottage Old House Lane, Speldhurst**
- Disabled-friendly toilet and link between kitchen and workshop (LB)

10/03369/LBC **Priestwood Cottage Old House Lane, Speldhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Disabled-friendly toilet and link between kitchen and workshop (LB)

10/03475/LBC **The Old Rectory & Glebe House Langton Road, Speldhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Removal of remainder of internal partition to bedroom 3 and amendment to internal plaster work specification at Glebe House (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
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HIGHWAYS – District of Ashford

PLUCKLEY ROAD, SMARDEN - (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of bridge reconstruction works, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pluckley Road, Smarden, on or after 13 November 2010 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at Baker's Bridge. There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Lewd Lane and Dorking Lane.

The alternative route is via The Street, Water Lane, Bell Lane, The Pinnock, Rose Farm Lane, Smarden Road and Pluckley Road.

HIGHWAYS – District of Dover

KING STREET, SANDWICH - (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on King Street, Sandwich, on or after 17 November 2010 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with No Name Street and St Peter's Street. Austins Lane will be closed at the junction with King Street.

The alternative route is via No Name Street, Cattle Market, Harnet Street, Strand Street, High Street and Short Street.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

HEVER WARREN ROAD, EDENBRIDGE - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Hever Warren Road, Edenbridge between Fell House and The Old Dairy.

The Order will become effective on 8th November 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Hartfield Road, Cowden Pound Road, Uckfield Lane and Station Road

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate a new electricity supply.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

A259 RHEE WALL & LYDD ROAD, OLD ROMNEY - (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on A259 Rhee Wall & Lydd Road, Old Romney, on or after 8 November 2010 for up to 5 weekday nights or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Old Romney. There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with the A2070 and B2075 Romney Road.

The alternative route is via A259 Rhee Wall, Straight Lane, Brookland By-pass, Rye Road, Guldeford Lane, Folkestone Road, Camber Road, Lydd Road, Jury's Gap Road, Tourney Road, Robin Hood Lane, Harden Road, B2075 Romney Road and A259 Lydd Road.

It is planned that the works will be carried out between the hours of 7.00 pm and 5.00 am each night, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

WARREN ROAD, FOLKESTONE - (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of a level crossing inspection, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Warren Road, Folkestone, on or after 28 November 2010 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the Level Crossing.

The alternative route is via Southern Way, A260/A2033 Dover Road, Wear Bay Road, Foreland Avenue, Warren Way and Warren Road.

It is planned these works will be carried out between the hours of 2.00 am and 2.00 pm.

This Order remains in force for up to 18 months and can be re-implemented if required for works of a similar nature.

Highways – District of Thanet

MANSTON COURT ROAD, THANET - (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under sections 1(1) and (2), 2(1) to (3) and 3(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order has the following effect:-

Manston Court Road, Thanet:
Prohibition of driving from the roundabout at the junction with Haine Road for a distance of 18 metres.

The Order was sealed on 5 November 2010 and will come into force 10 November 2010.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford TN24 8AD, and at Thanet District Council, Cecil Street, Margate during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

A228 CASTLE WAY, LEYBOURNE- (PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN & CLOSURE OF LAY-BY) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting northbound traffic from turning right onto Leybourne Way from A228 Castle Way and closure of the lay-by by Blue Gem Cafe on or after Sunday 14th November 2010 for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via A228 Malling Road, Ham Hill Roundabout and return via the by-pass to take the left hand turn into Leybourne Way.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to gain access to boxes in the carriageway. Should you require any further information regarding these works, please contact Louise Skull on 08700 500792.

VARIOUS ROADS - (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO 2) ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1) and (2), 2(1) to (3) and 3(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order will have the effect of:-

1. introducing no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) at the junction of Alexander Grove and Milton Lane, Kings Hill, West Malling;
2. introducing "school keep clear" markings in Alexander Grove in the vicinity of the Kings Hill School, West Malling in the interest of public safety to all pedestrians crossing this road gaining access to and from the school.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the Council Offices, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent and at Kent Highway Services, Doubleday House, St Michael's Close. Aylesford

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Transportation & Development Manager (Tonbridge and West Malling), Kent Highway Services, Doubleday House, St Michael's Close, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 by noon on 29 November 2010.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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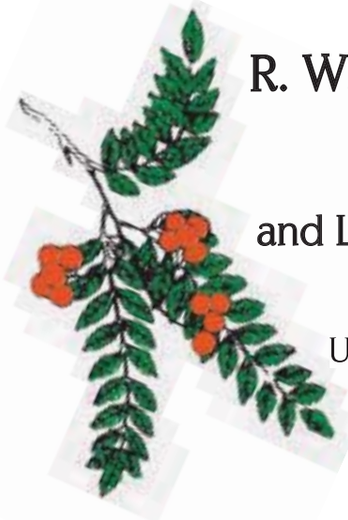

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Boxing clever – inside and out

By **STEVE LOADER**

HYUNDAI has used the line 'thinking outside the box' when trumpeting its new ix20 baby MPV, arriving in showrooms on November 18.

It really is more about the clever thinking inside the box though, because the Korean may be compact outside, but it's a real spaceship inside.

Okay, it is no secret the newcomer is actually a clone of sister brand Kia's new Venga, launched earlier this year, but Hyundai has made a good job of making the ix20 stand apart.

And it needs to in what has suddenly become a busy marketplace as many cash-strapped families shrink their overall car size and costs, yet demand just as much space.

Honda's versatile Jazz started it all and Nissan came at it slightly differently with the clever Note – a car that defies pigeon-holing – but the Korean twins have helped define the mini-MPV sector, not least with typically keen prices.

The ix20 starts at just £11,595 and, with a distinctive crackle-glaze pattern grille and edgy rear-end styling, looks to have captured the prize for looks in sector where it is never going to be easy to turn heads.

There are three drivetrain and three well-equipped trim options and Hyundai's usual five-year warrnty.

Entry level Classic trim brings all the safety equipment most family buyers would want plus height-adjustable driver's seat, air con, electric front windows, six-speaker sound system plus the increasingly important MP3/USB connection.

The opening price brings a 1.4-litre petrol engine. A diesel of the same capacity will cost you an extra £1,400 and, based on driving the equivalent Venga, I would save your money; the other option is a 1.6-litre auto which sells from £14,095 in mid-range Active trim – again save your cash unless you really must have a self-shifter.

Active (from £12,695) is likely to be the big selling trim, offering just the hint of style that family buyers also want on a budget and including 16-inch alloys, Bluetooth phone connectivity, electric windows all round, audio controls on the leather-trimmed steering wheel, plus the practicality of reversing sensors.

Top of the range Style (from £13,695) is not expensive though considering the luxury spec, including two-part panoramic glass sunroof with UV filter – which spans the front and rear seats, front fog lights and electric folding door mirrors.

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FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader

Lovely Skoda turns all mean

WE all thought Skoda was going soft after the famous 'Made of Lovely Stuff' cake adverts for TV.

But the Czech marque is now showing its harder side with a multi-million pound follow-up ad series called 'Made of Meaner Stuff' to promote the new Fabia vRS hot hatch (from £15,700).

The liquorice, treacle and jelly of the original cake-makers have given way to darker ingredients: a bone chassis and snake-powered engine.

The latter is the VW Group's supercharged and turbocharged 1.4-litre petrol, tuned to produce 180bhp – quite a departure from the previous model's turbodiesel unit.

Long wait is over for new Sharan

IT IS 15 years since Ford and the VW group entered the then embryonic people carrier sector.

The union created the original Ford Galaxy and the VW Sharan/Seat Alhambra; the design was a roaring success and good enough to last all this time, though Ford ducked out early with an all-new Galaxy a few years ago.

The VW replacement (from £22,980) was worth waiting for however; it looks more compact yet manages to be bigger, roomier and more stylish.

And it is also more practical, with sliding rear doors and – hallelujah – both rear seat rows fold away into the floor instead of having to be manhandled from the car and stashed somewhere if you need to vary the seating plan or convert the Sharan into a van.

It is available with a wide range of petrol and diesel engines.

Most models come with seven seats as standard, but there is also a six-seat Executive trim with sumptuous leather upholstery and armrests from £29,345.

...while VW's Passat is in seventh heaven

PRICES for the seventh generation Volkswagen Passat have been announced and order books are open, with deliveries from January.

The saloon starts at £18,470 and the voluminous estate from £19,745 – the latter is expected to outsell the former for the first time.

And VW stresses that every panel and glass surface apart from the roof is new – the usual line when a carmaker is worried by early comments like "but it doesn't look any different".

Whether it is evolutionary rather than revolutionary against its predecessor though, the latest car looks classy and pressurises VW's own premium brand Audi and its rivals, especially in hard times.

VW has also underlined the Passat's overall economy; all diesels are now badged as eco-friendly BlueMotion models equipped with battery recharging via braking and Stop/Start systems. This gives the entry-level 1.6-litre TDI an average mpg in the mid-60s and a barely road taxable 114 g/km of CO2 emissions.

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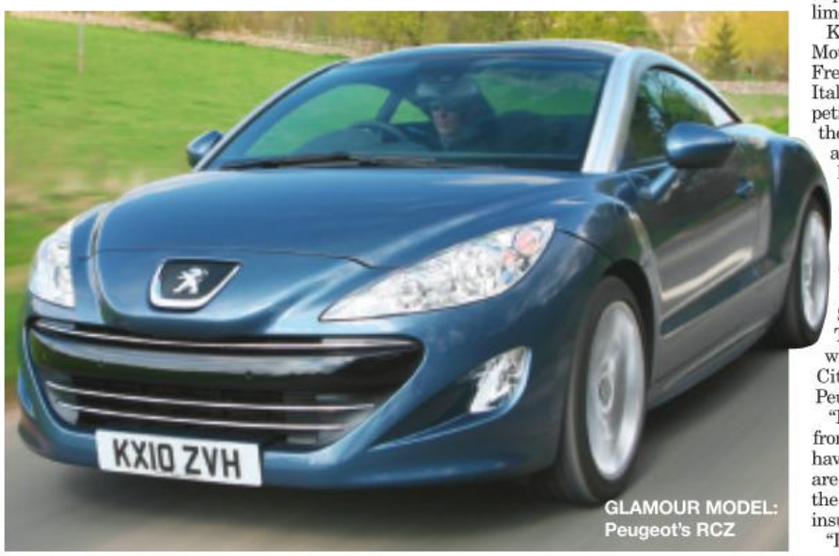
Lion roars in fast-changing motor jungle



GLAMOUR MODEL: Peugeot's RCZ

PEUGEOT outlined ambitious plans early in 2010 to climb three places to seventh in the world vehicle production rankings in just five years, ***writes Steve Loader.***

It also revamped its famous lion logo to show style mixed with aggression – a mood matched by a stunning supercar concept unveiled this year too.

And while petrolheads admired that, the firm launched a real world sports model no less stunning – the RCZ.

The French marque is also currently outperforming the UK market with sales this year up 12.7 per cent against an overall 7.8 per cent.

But how is this mood swing viewed at the coal face after years of Peugeot seemingly happy to allow sister brand Citroën to grab the limelight?

Kevin Khanna, dealer principal at Thames Motor Group in Tunbridge Wells has both French marques onsite, along with resurgent Italian brand Fiat, and reckons healthy competition is good for all, but added: "Peugeot fits the Tunbridge Wells/Sevenoaks area well anyway, but recent additions to the range like the 3008 crossover and 5008 people carrier have really added to customer choice – we've even got the RCZ to add extra glamour."

He is also pleased because Peugeot is Thames' newest arrival on its Longfield Road site; the group has operations at Slough and Croydon and took over the Tunbridge Wells premises in 1998 when it was a Fiat/Alfa Romeo dealership, adding Citroën in 2005 and swapping Alfa for Peugeot in 2008.

"I think we have gone and will continue to go from strength to strength with the brands we have," he said. "Times have changed and people are worried about their jobs, looking more at the running costs, watching the depreciation, insurance, tax, servicing and other outgoings.

"It is making them think about superminis, MPVs and smaller estates like the Peugeot 207SW."

But he thought the absence of shocks in the Government's recent spending review had helped consumer confidence: "The car market is very sensitive and I couldn't believe how quiet it was the week before the review and then it went mad the day after (Thursday) and carried on until Sunday."

He has little patience with the doom-mongers of the trade in any case: "It's about selling the cars rather than taking customers' orders.

"People may well do much of their research online, but they still want someone to 'sell' them the car, take them over it and give them that personal contact.

"During the Scrappage scheme, smaller and cheaper cars almost sold themselves with the £2,000 grant – we were offering them as cheaply as £4,995 – but I called a big sales meeting right after the scheme finished and told our team to go out and sell cars properly again."

CUSTOMER SERVICE: Customers want the dealer to sell them a car and not simply take the order, says Thames Motor Group dealer principal Kevin Khanna (above)

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2007 (07) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles, ... £4,995
2007 (07) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 20000 miles, ... £4,995
2008 (58) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE PLUS 5DR HATCH, BLUE, 3000 miles, ... £4,995
2007 (07) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 18000 miles, ... £4,995
2006 (56) CHEVROLET LACETTI SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles, ... £4,995

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2008 (08) HYUNDAI COUPE SIII COUPE AUTO, BLACK, 4000 miles, ... £9,995
2007 (56) HYUNDAI COUPE SIII COUPE AUTO, RED, 4000 miles, ... £8,995
2008 (58) HYUNDAI GETZ GSI 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles, ... £6,995
2007 (57) HYUNDAI ACCENT ATLANTIC LIMITED EDITION 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 6000 miles, ... £5,995
2006 (56) HYUNDAI GETZ CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 9000 miles, ... £5,995
2008 (08) HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 24000 miles, ... £5,995
2008 (08) HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 5000 miles, ... £5,995
2008 (08) HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 9000 miles, ... £5,995
2008 (08) HYUNDAI MATRIX CLASSIC MPV, BLACK, 8000 miles, ... £5,995
2007(57) HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, YELLOW, 9000 miles, ... £5,495
2007(07) HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles, ... £5,495

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2008 (58) KIA PICANTO 2 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 10000 miles, ... £6,995
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2008 (08) DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles, ... £7,995
2008 (08) DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles, ... £7,995
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2007 (07) DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 16000 miles, ... £6,995
2007 (07) DAIHATSU SIRION 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 20000 miles, ... £6,995

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2007 (56) FIAT PANDA ELEGANZA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 25000 miles, ... £4,995
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2008 (08) FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles, ... £7,995
2008 (08) FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 3000 miles, ... £7,995
2008 (08) FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 13000 miles, ... £7,995
2007 (07) FORD FUSION ZETEC CLIMATE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 4000 miles, ... £5,995
2004 (54) FORD FUSION FUSION 2 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 52000 miles, ... £3,995

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2010 (60) CITROEN NEMO 8V HDI TURBO MPV AUTO, RED, 100 miles, ... £10,495
2008 (58) CITROEN C4 SX 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 1800 miles, ... £8,995
2007 (57) CITROEN C3 SX 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 13000 miles, ... £5,995
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2010 (10) VAUXHALL CORSA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles, ... £11,495
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2010 (10) VAUXHALL CORSA EXCLUSIV AC 5DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 6000 miles, ... £9,995
2009 (09) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 4000 miles, ... £8,995
2008 (58) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 5000 miles, ... £8,495
2008 (58) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles, ... £8,495
2008 (58) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 2000 miles, ... £8,495
2007 (57) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 5000 miles, ... £7,495
2008 (57) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 9000 miles, ... £6,995
2007 (57) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 6000 miles, ... £6,995
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2008 (58) MAZDA 5 5 TS2 MPV AUTO, RED, 12000 miles, ... £11,995
2008 (58) MAZDA 3 3 TAKARA 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 5000 miles, ... £9,995
2007 (57) MAZDA 3 3 TS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 8000 miles, ... £8,995
2006 (56) MAZDA 6 6 TS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 16000 miles, ... £7,995
2006 (56) MAZDA 6 6 TS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 21000 miles, ... £7,995
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2009 (B) SUZUKI GRAND VITARA 16V ESTATE AUTO 4x4, BLUE, 13000 miles, ... £12,995
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2007 (07) TOYOTA YARIS T3 VVT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 21000 miles, ... £6,995
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2009 (59) NISSAN NOTE VISIA MPV AUTO, GREY, 1800 miles, ... £8,995
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2007 (07) NISSAN MICRA SPORT CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles, ... £7,995
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2007 (07) NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFFE LATTE, 18000 miles, ... £5,995
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2007 (07) NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 27000 miles, ... £5,995
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2008 (08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles, ... £6,995
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VW Scirocco

Scirocco's blowing

UNLESS you are obsessed with image – and I hope I'm not – then cars designed to deliver most pleasure should also have a measure of practicality.

Roads are now so crowded and restricted the opportunities to experience that elusive joy of 'motoring' are few and far between, so why endure the costs, bone-hard chassis set-up, cramped conditions and pitiful rear passenger and luggage capacity of a classic coupé?

Ah yes, image. Well you go and read something else then and I'll start talking about the VW Scirocco – the belated third generation Scirocco.

I've yet to hear a good explanation why VW dropped the type in 1992 after nearly 20 years, but it's back… and I'm glad.

The new car recreates the style plus usability format of the 1970s original from Italian design star Giorgetto Giugiaro, who was responsible for several early post-Beetle VW designs.

The essence of that early design was less obvious in the bland 1982 follow-up, though there was an attempt at catching the eye by splitting the tailgate glass with a spoiler – a fairly pointless exercise that fooled no-one and messed up the rearward visibility.

You get the impression the design team behind the new car would have nothing to do with such frippery; the Scirocco MkIII looks muscular, wide and is a real wind-cheater and yet it will seat four in comfort and carry their luggage. The quartet might have a whinge about lifting that luggage over the high boot lip, but they cannot possibly complain about the space available there or in the cabin itself.

I'm probably being a little fanciful here, but there is even a strong argument for calling the Scirocco a 'coupé MPV' because it really is a sporting multi-purpose vehicle.

And there is even more evidence of that in the wide range of engines on offer, including economical yet lively diesels and topped by a snorting 262bhp turbocharged 2.0-litre petrol unit priced from £28,505.

But it is the engine of the test car I want to focus on, a lightweight 1.4-litre petrol unit that uses a turbocharger/supercharger combination to boost this relatively tiny engine to deliver a useful 158bhp.

It should average well over 40mpg in average use, the road tax/emissions are not horrendous

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hot as coupé MPV

and it looks good value at just over £20,000, but it combines beautifully with the Scirocco's even-tempered and balanced chassis.

And then it delivers that joy of motoring I mentioned earlier, without the everyday costs and discomfort I also quoted as the traditional bane of coupé ownership.

It is not alone, of course; Volvo offers the C30 and it is a likeable car that ought to sell better, but that fancy glass tailgate, small boot and the horribly fiddly luggage cover make it look like hard work up against the wicked looking, but oh so practical Scirocco.

I've also named BMW's 1-Series coupé as the VW's best rival and that handles well too with its classic rear-wheel drive, but it's not a great four-seater, it has a conventional and rather cramped boot and a bluff-fronted prize fighter ugliness that contrasts sharply with the Scirocco's sleek wedge nose.

If you are to quibble then perhaps the VW's window line is a little high for those sitting in the back – the kids might not appreciate it – and the interior looks like the Golf hatchback from which it is so clearly derived.

You could also say that the badge isn't snobby enough for coupé buyers, but what about the value?

After all, you are getting two cars in one – it's a coupé MPV.

DrivingPortfolio

VW SCIROCCO TSI £20,665

Driving appeal (OUT OF FIVE)	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★
Running costs	★★★★
Reliability	★★★★
How green?	★★★★
Road tax	£155/year
Best rival	BMW 1-Series Coupé

TheVerdict

DON'T LIKE: the high boot lip, though the cargo area is spacious

NOT SURE: some would-be coupé buyers will appreciate the Scirocco's everyday appeal

REALLY LIKE: the way VW has succeeded, where others have failed, to marry style and space

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Chamber chief Frost offers warm outlook

By **STEVE LOADER**
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CHAMBERS of Commerce chief David Frost delivered an upbeat economic message to lift members of Kent's largest local chamber.

"It is difficult to see anything that is not working in this locality's favour to take full advantage of economic recovery," he told the AGM of the Kent Invicta Chamber in Ashford.

The director general of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) singled out the availability of land ready for development and the communications advantages, especially the high-speed rail link.

He said: "I came here on the Javelin and it took me less time than many rail travel journeys to London suburbs."

He also went on the offensive against those who would contradict the BCC's own surveys, which show the economy recovering relatively strongly.

"There is too much negativity," Mr Frost said. "There is no evidence of a double dip recession and our surveys suggest that growth is stronger than projected."

He considered the overall outlook "pretty positive" and the possible impact of public services cuts was being overdone.

He also saw positive aspects of the comprehensive spending review, including provision for investment in infrastructure and encouragement for manufacturing and exporting.

However, Mr Frost identified many areas where the coalition Government must act to help private sector development if it is to drive a strong economic recovery and help absorb the inevitable job losses in the public sector.

These include employment legislation, immigration policy and a more liberal planning policy. He also said it was important to face up to challenges from overseas, especially from emerging powers such as China, a country he had visited recently and was impressed with the investment in infrastructure and development.

It is the BCC's role, he said, to help businesses to overcome impediments to growth, and to represent their needs. "If necessary, to encourage the Government to get out of the way, and allow the private sector to get on with the job," he said.

UPBEAT MESSAGE: David Frost of the BCC

Twig Trading going for growth

BRITAIN'S battered economy hasn't held back a Kent company as it goes on to compete for a top business accolade.

Landscaping and countryside management firm Twig Trading struck lucky when it won a contract with Thanet Earth, the UK's largest, most hi-tech greenhouse complex, where Twig planted 15,000 trees in just three weeks.

Twig Trading, based at Lamberhurst, near Tunbridge Wells, has now won Business of the Year in London and the South East.

The company will now battle for the national trophy in the British Chambers of Commerce's Chamber Awards 2010 later this year.

Jo James, chief executive of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce – pictured, left, with Miranda Eyre of Twig Trading – said: "It's exciting and gratifying that another of our members has won this prestigious BCC award, following on from a win in our own Business Awards.

"Last year it was Sunray Engineering, who went on take third place in the BCC national finals.

"We promote our awards to celebrate business excellence. With Twig Trading scooping this award, and with the chance to take it yet further in the national finals, I think this all goes to prove that our area, and, of course, Kent Invicta Chamber especially, has a wealth of business excellence."

Court rejects French challenge to fleet upgrade

EUROSTAR has batted away a court challenge from French firm Alstom caused by the Channel Tunnel high-speed train operator placing an order with rival German train maker Siemens.

The row blew up after Eurostar announced a £700 million upgrade to its fleet as part of an expansion of services. The current fleet of 28 trains built by Alstom will be upgraded, but a further 10 all-new trains with 20 per cent more capacity will come from Siemens.

Alstom chose to challenge the scheme, alleging the new trains would breach safety regulations for the tunnel and Eurostar failed to follow procurement rules.

But a High Court judge rejected the French firm's appeal and Eurostar issued a statement afterwards: "We are very pleased that the situation has been resolved and we can proceed to signing the contract for our new fleet of trains with Siemens.

"We have always been confident that we conducted a rigorous tender process and have chosen the best trains for our passengers.

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"With our current fleet upgraded and our new fleet of trains in place we will be able to offer our customers a real alternative to taking the plane for short-haul European travel."

Eurostar's ambitious plans follow clear signals from other European operators and consortia, notably German national carrier Deutsche Bahn, that they are also looking at expansion of their networks via the tunnel.

And the prospect of an image-led transatlantic airline-style war has been raised by Eurostar's announcement that it will use legendary Italian car design house Pininfarina to create a striking new identity for the expanded fleet.

It has been touted as "a contemporary, stylish environment in which passengers can work or relax" and offering "the most advanced wi-fi and on-board 'infotainment' on any train in Europe."

Comment

HARD on the heels of moaning about a lack of strategy for small businesses within the comprehensive spending review, PM David Cameron has made an appointment.

David Young or Baron Young of Graffham – Maggie Thatcher's trade secretary in the Eighties – has been asked to slash the red tape that so many Kent business chiefs called for via our spending review coverage.

The PM has also told him to use the unpaid post to conduct a brutally honest review of business start-up strategy and come up with wholesale changes if necessary, to help private sector firms or new starts mop up the half-million public sector redundancies ordered under the spending review.

It's the fighting talk many small to medium firms across county and country wanted from the CSR itself, especially when this sector accounts for 60 per cent of UK jobs and half of economic output – figures that are even higher for Kent.

But can the veteran Tory grandee walk that talk? On the face of it, he's a low-key replacement for Labour's robust enterprise tsar Lord Alan Sugar who was, in a manner of speaking, taken out and shot when the coalition took office – the tabloids seizing upon the Amstrad boss's famous 'You're fired' catchphrase from his hit TV show, The Apprentice.

But there are clues from Lord Young's earlier political career suggesting he may be just as tough as Sugar when it comes to the crunch, as it did on the Conservatives' 1987 election campaign. During a disagreement with Norman Tebbit – no softie himself – he allegedly grabbed Tebbit by the lapels to make a point.

He also had a reputation as an innovative thinker during the Thatcher years, having proved his worth as a businessman by building a property and construction empire.

Hopefully, he will also have the PR nous to shun the title of tsar, a label used by Labour but contradictory for a party whose leader intoned statistics like a Soviet commissar reading out five-year plan for tractor production figures.

BUSINESS EDITOR, STEVE LOADER

FAST-growing Poundland used soap power to boost the opening of a new store in Orpington.
Emmerdale actress Lucy Pargeter – pictured right – who plays Chastity Dingle in the ITV show, opened the doors, posed for pictures and signed autographs at the newest outlet in Poundland's 300-store chain. Poundland appears to have a winning formula for straitened times and has put its 'everything for £1' money where its mouth is by commiting to open 50 extra stores during the 2010-11 financial year, creating 2,000 new jobs.

Inca's £500k investment

ENGINEERING firm Inca Geometric is investing half a million pounds in new technology and creating five jobs at its plant near Canterbury, ***writes Steve Loader***.

More than 50 years old, Inca makes metal components for vehicles, industrial appliances and heavy machinery, and is even involved with a new anti-aircraft gun.

Among the new jobs being created at Inca's plant at Bolts Hill, Chartham, are a skilled programmer and operator for new hi-tech machinery being installed to meet increased demand in a highly competitive market, according to Inca's joint MDs and sister and brother, Ann and Mike Cain.

The new equipment will have 60 different tools programmed into it, avoiding the need for constant supervision or adjustment.

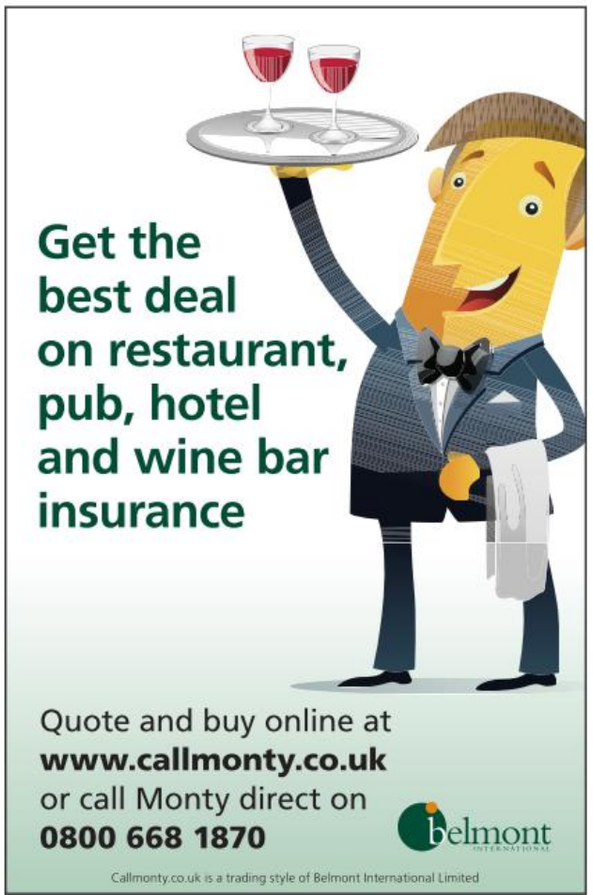
Trials indicate it will save up to 60 per cent of the time previously spent on some jobs and can multi-task in the machining of a component, allowing customer demands to be more quickly fulfilled yet still to a high standard.

Specialised

The machine is known as an Eagle HMB-4 and Ms Cain said: "The ability to run unmanned over long cycles was an important factor in selecting this machine."

Inca Geometric was founded in 1956 and specialised in the design and manufacture of multi-drill heads.

In 1962 it expanded into special purpose machine tool development leading to major projects with many blue-chip companies in the UK and overseas within the automotive, agricultural, power generation, oil and gas, pump and valve sectors.



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EUROTUNNEL has been awarded the prize for Leadership in Sustainable Development by Europe's leading transport and logistics periodical, International Freighting Weekly (IFW).

The company beat major international organisations including American Airlines Cargo, CMA CGM, Hellman UK, Samsung Heavy Industries, and Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics. The judges, composed of transport and logistics experts, recognised Eurotunnel's continuing commitment to sustainable development.

Key accolades were:

- Channel crossing without any contact with the marine environment.
- A transport system powered by electricity, with a far smaller carbon footprint than competitors.
- Policies that target energy reduction, waste management, water treatment and noise control.
- A site in Coquelles, France, that generates electricity from renewable sources.
- A track record for the preservation and maintenance of biodiversity.
- Continuous promotion of environmental awareness to customers, suppliers and staff, promoting environmental awareness.

SHEPHERD Neame has been named Small Visitor Attraction of the Year in the Beautiful South Awards and picked up a silver in the Flavour of the South East category.

The Tourism South East awards celebrate the best in quality, innovation and service in the sector. In addition, the Flavour of the South East silver recognised the provenance of the Faversham brewery's distinctively hoppy beers and the quality of its visitor centre and guided brewery tours.

Sheps' visitor centre manager Graham Hukins said: "This is a great boost for the team, especially when competing in such a large region."

The brewer will now represent the Beautiful South at the Enjoy England Awards for Excellence in April.

FRESH produce distributor RW Simpson Transport has sold its south operation to Kent-based Fresh Service as part of a new co-operative venture.

Under the deal the Sheffield and Peterborough-based firm, which delivers to supermarket chains including Morrisons and Tesco, cedes it Paddock Wood and Sheerness depots to Fresh Service, allowing both firms to create a more balanced and cost-effective distribution operation.

KENT entrepreneur Mark Pullinger has been appointed a non-executive director of Charing-based creative agency The Wow Factory.

Mr Pullinger, 40, began his career in retail management with Safeway – now part of Morrisons – before training as an independent financial adviser and establishing his own practice at just 27. Since then he has been involved in some of Kent's most successful companies, including the Michelin-starred Thackeray's restaurant in Tunbridge Wells, the Regal group of estate agents and independent financial advisers, as well as in fashion, retail and property development.

SEVENOAKS-based Principal Investment Management, the private client portfolio specialist, is a finalist in this year's Citywire Wealth Manager Awards.

The nomination is for the Advisers Choice Awards 2010 – Small Firms category.

CEO Hugh Titcomb said: "It's fantastic to be short-listed and an endorsement of our business strategy and service. We pride ourselves on the strong working relationships we have with our financial advisers and it's great to know we're doing the best possible job for our clients."

Open opportunity as HSBC becomes Sandwich patron

BANKING giant HSBC will help make next year's Open golf championship in Sandwich one of the world's most high-profile sporting events after being named as a patron of the tournament.

EXCLUSIVE

By NICK AMES

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The agreement means the company will be official banking partner of The Open, which returns to Royal St George's from July 14-17, 2011.

The Open will attract thousands of visitors and provide a multi-million-pound boost to the east Kent economy.

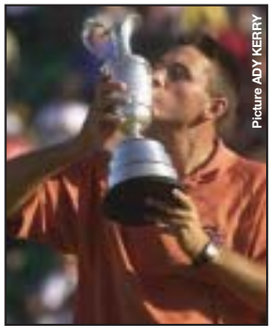
Peter Dawson, the Royal and Ancient Golf Club's chief executive, said: "The Open is golf's oldest major championship, and its most international.

"For years the R&A has looked to establish relationships that help golf's growth globally. So a partnership with 'the world's local bank' is a natural progression."

HSBC has been at the forefront of the expansion of the game in the Far East, with the creation of the HSBC Championship in China, Asia's first world golf tournament.

It has also created a programme of grassroots activity across China designed to increase interest in the game.

Giles Morgan, group head of sponsorship at HSBC, said: "Golf sponsorship continues to be an important investment tool for us. This partnership is an opportunity to take our activity with professional and grassroots golf in both established and emerging markets to a new level."



Picture ADY KERRY

TOP HOLE: Ben Curtis won The Open at Sandwich in 2003

Link is back in business

CLOUDS over the future of Government-funded start-up operation Business Link were lifted this week.

Doubts had crept in after the coalition Government announced the axing of Business Link's funder, the South East England Development Agency, which gives way soon to a new local enterprise partnership (LEP) covering Kent, Essex and East Sussex.

But the reforged Business Link had to face an undisclosed budget cut and 'focus' its support services, with immediate effect.

Business Link's South East chief executive Graeme Sibley said: "I'm pleased that despite having to make substantial savings the reshaped service is continuing to provide local business owners and managers with free, easily accessible and impartial information and will now enable us to concentrate our adviser-led intensive support where it will deliver the greatest impact for local economies.

"Our new approach presents a more targeted, in-depth service to support ambitious and growing enterprises. There have been difficult decisions to make and a great deal of thought has been given to the most effective way to focus resources.

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Fencing firm champions gate safety campaign

JACKSONS Fencing is championing a national campaign to make automated gates safer, following the deaths of two children this year.

Richard Jackson, chief executive of the firm, based at Stowting, between Hythe and Canterbury, has hand-delivered a petition to 10 Downing Street and was accompanied by relatives of two children crushed to death in incidents involving such gates in Manchester and Bridgend, Wales.

He was joined by MPs from the victims' constituencies and by Maidstone and the Weald Liberal Democrat spokesman Peter Carroll, who also chaired a recent gate safety summit.

The summit gathered representatives from a cross-section of companies and organisations in a bid to kick-start a programme to improve awareness on gate safety and ensure everyone – from the trade to the public – understands and complies with regulations for automated gate safety.

Mr Jackson – whose firm did not supply any of the gates involved in the accidents – said: "There needs to be an improved interpretation of the safety measures in place and we need to lobby for tighter controls which will impact on any person looking to specify, manufacture or install an automated gate.

"We also want the public to be more aware of what constitutes a safe gate. We are appealing to the Prime Minister, as the head of Government and as a father himself, to ensure the appropriate action is taken to prevent any further tragic accidents."

SAFETY FIRST: Richard Jackson

In addition to the two deaths this year, a further three accidents involving children becoming trapped in automated gates have been reported, with the victims narrowly escaping serious injury.

In a recent random survey of 67 gates, conducted by Jacksons Fencing, none were fully compliant with the official guidelines.

One step ahead in

Law firms can still suffer a Dickensian image epitomised by the infamous and near interminable Jarndyce v Jarndyce lawsuit in the great Victorian novelist's Bleak House. By pleading the opposite though, do they then risk losing the gravitas and trust that many have spent centuries building?
It's a case that could rumble on just like J v J, but business editor STEVE LOADER cross-examined David Wilson, chairman of west Kent-based law practice Warners, to get a balance of prosecution and defence in what is actually a fast-changing business

DAVID WILSON

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DAVID Wilson exudes the sort of calm that a troubled client wants to see in the lawyer solving his legal problems. So he doesn't rage and shout when he tells you about dramatic changes that have shaken up a profession he clearly feels deeply for.

But since he gained his law degree in 1977 he has seen governments throw away the long established Legal Aid system and encourage the rise of a 'no win no fee' culture – moves that have changed the face of businesses like Warners, where he is a partner and chairman. The firm employs 110 people across offices in Bank Street, Tonbridge, and South Park in Sevenoaks, and is proud to trace its roots back to 1785 when George III was on the throne.

But a smart website using the strapline 'modern thinking – traditional values' and even including a Warners Online feature where customers can log into a range of basic, cost-effective services and documents, is testament to the way it has had to embrace change.

"We used to do a lot of Legal Aid work, which stopped in 2000," explained Mr Wilson. "And with colleague Robert Twining, I had also built up considerable expertise in personal injury work, which has all but disappeared.

"This has become commoditised within an extremely competitive market, taken over completely by 'big factory' law firms and the insurance industry. Our diet at Warners of personal injury work over the past few years has been picking up the pieces when clients have been funnelled towards a panel solicitor. I had one client who had a panel solicitor in the far North, was very unhappy with the service she was receiving and jumped ship.

"But we are not in the business of putting great big personal injury adverts in Yellow Pages or on TV. That would devalue what we are trying to achieve. There have also been a lot of non-lawyer outfits who have muscled in with some gusto, but clients who have been persuaded to go that way have found the service unsatisfactory – getting the call centre runaround and a different person every time they ring up – issues that have made clients come back to us."

But Mr Wilson, 55, agreed the sharp competition has also toughened traditional practices such as Warners: "We're not shy about taking work away from other practices because it's dog-eat-dog out there. Similarly, we pay constant attention to our client base and those we think may be lured away."

Despite all this re-invention, he agreed that Warners

DAVID WILSON'S CV

- 1977 – after gaining his law degree at Manchester Univeristy, became trainee solicitor at Martin Tolhurst, Gravesend
- 1979 – assistant solicitor at Waltons and Morse, London
- 1981 – assistant solicitor at Warners, becoming a partner in 1984 and then joining the firm's management board in 2010 and assuming chairmanship

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THAT WAS THEN: Outside the old Tonbridge High Street offices in 1984, from left, Martin Galvin, David Wilson, Mark Rosser and Michael Armstrong

THIS IS NOW: Partners gathered outside the modern day premises in nearby Bank Street, from left, David Wilson, Mark Davis, Martin Galvin and Mark Rosser

was a remarkably robust business which he regards as "the premier law firm in Sevenoaks and Tonbridge" though it does have clients further afield and does not rule out expansion. "We have a strong private client presence that has been built up over generations," said Mr Wilson. "That's a massive strength and our other one is a massive will bank."

The firm has also been able to draw on expertise in the farming sector. "We are in the heart of the agricultural community and, of course, as part of the heritage of the firm we have looked after some of the wealthier families within Kent for over 200 years," said Mr Wilson, adding that fellow partner Steve Colville had spearheaded an initiative in a sector where farmland prices and demand was booming and generating associated need for agricultural tenancies and employment. Like many in his profession, he also expected the recent rush of employment litigation generated by slimming down the banking and insurance industries to be followed soon by work arising from public sector cuts, but added cautiously: "It hasn't materialised yet."

The other area of possible change and growth is alliances with other professional firms, and notably accountancies: "We have good relationships with some pretty solid accountancy practices, but whether that progresses any further I just don't know."

Asked about his own ambitions, he answered simply: "To drive Warners forward and make it even more successful than it already is. If you don't have that sort of ambition you are in the wrong game."

He has been with the firm most of his professional life. After graduation, he trained in Gravesend, where he was born and bred, and then worked briefly in London, but hated commuting. Arriving at Warners, he relished the court work arising from the Legal Aid system: "Unfortunately young lawyers don't get that kind of exposure now where you get chucked in the deep end and have to think on your feet," he said.

David and his wife, Nichola, have a daughter, Sophie, 13, and son, Oliver, 10, and the time-honoured clash of music tastes is already occurring. David has a deep knowledge of soul, reggae and ska, but said: "My kids think I should be listening to more Lady Gaga."

He also enjoys driving – he has a sought-after 1980s VW Golf GTI 16v as a 'holidays and high days' car – and is a keen runner, tennis player, swimmer and golfer.

DAVID'S TOP TIPS

- Be a good listener – "You must listen and absorb the brief to be a good lawyer, but the rule applies in any professional situation – don't be too quick off the mark. Some lawyers are so eager to impress with their legal knowledge they end up talking over the client – something you must never do."
- Presentation is everything – "It might sound old-fashioned now, but dressing appropriately, clear delivery – sounding your consonants – and attention to detail are all vital to being taken seriously as a professional."
- Take up running – "Running is an antidote to sitting behind a desk every day. It's a great stress-buster and I tend to get lethargic when I don't exercise."

HIGH POINT: Warners' HQ in Bank Street, Tonbridge. The firm employs 110 people in Kent

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A mixed bag, but caution remains

By **STEVE LOADER**
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DEMAND for commercial property remains patchy in Kent and the region, according to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Simon Rubinsohn

RICS chief economist Simon Rubinsohn said: "We are seeing a mixed picture for the commercial property sector in the South East.

"The year started positively, but falling stock markets, worries over the impact of spending cuts and the sustainability of the recovery appear to be creating an air of caution, which is impacting on the sector.

"Nevertheless, providing the economy continues to grow and the inflation picture does not justify a sharp uplift in interest rates, the likelihood is that the commercial property market will avoid a meaningful relapse into recession."

Roger Miller, of Tunbridge Wells chartered surveyors Michael Rogers, said: "The market remains fragile with increased uncertainty about spending cuts and their impact."

A RICS survey showed the Kent and South East region was the only one in the UK over the third quarter of 2010 where surveyors reported occupier demand rising, with the net balance moving to +3 per cent from -11.

Demand also stabilised across the retail and industrial sectors – badly damaged by the recession – and the former even bucked the national trend and became the only region where surveyors reported increasing interest in shop units (+7).

However, surveyors report that concerns over the economy have prompted a more cautious attitude from firms nationally when making investment decisions, which is impacting across the property market.

And there are signs of the fragility of confidence even in the South East. Retail capacity actually fell, with eight per cent more surveyors reporting falls rather than rises in retail availability, down from 17 per cent more during the previous three months.

Landlords also know they have to make concessions to secure a letting. Eleven per cent more surveyors reported an increase rather than decrease in the value of inducements offered by landlords in the region. The retail sector saw the most inducements.

And new developments are also falling across all South East sectors – the retail and industrial arenas showed the biggest fall in starts, with the industrial sector recording a net balance of -30.

Despite the South East's more positive market in comparison with other parts of the UK, chartered surveyors are also pessimistic about commercial rent levels, with 14 per cent more expecting rents to fall rather than rise over the next three months, an increase from 21 per cent more in Q2.

BLUE-SKY THINKING: Canterbury Innovation Centre will be officially opened on Thursday

Hi-tech centre of attention

OFFICE workshop and studio accommodation for hi-tech and IT and multimedia businesses is being opened in east Kent this week.

Canterbury Innovation Centre opens officially in the city's University Road, off St Thomas's Hill, on Thursday.

The £7.5 million building was funded by the South East England Development Agency (Seeda) and managed by Basepoint on behalf of East Kent Spatial Development Company (EKSDC).

The centre first opened its doors in November, 2009, and is now home to more than 40 companies, which already occupy 65 per cent of the centre.

The opening event will showcase the centre and mark its success to date. Speakers will include Basepoint executive director Brian Andrews, Canterbury City Council leader Cllr John Gilbey, Seeda chief executive Pam Alexander, and international entrepreneur and Kent ambassador Graham Webb.

Clean up commercially

MANUFACTURERS wanting to clean up their act can call in a funded Low Carbon Innovation training course and other on-site advice to boost their environmental skills and efficiencies.

Leading environmental strategist Olive Consulting has teamed up with the Government-funded Manufacturing Advisory Service (MAS) South East to offer a package for SMEs looking to save money and gain highly competitive environmental credentials.

Programme manager for MAS South East, David Caddle, said: "It is important that the manufacturing community is equipped with the capabilities and skills to take advantage of the potential benefits as the world moves towards a low carbon future, and MAS South East is ready to support those companies to take advantage of job creation and growth."

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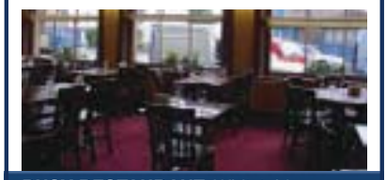

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ON HOLD: Danny Webb will have a new ride

Webb's undecided over who he'll be riding for next year

MOTO GP rider Danny Webb will assess his options for next season after the final round of the 125cc World Championship this weekend, ***writes Tom Howard***.

The Tunbridge Wells rider completes his fourth season in the highly competitive Moto GP 125cc Championship at Spain's Valencia Circuit on Sunday, aiming to finish the campaign on a high.

The race will be the 19-year-old's last with the Andalucia Cajasol Aprilia team after a consistent year, which has seen him regularly finish in the top-10.

Webb is likely to finish 10th overall in the championship and although pleased with his efforts, he wishes he had threatened the front-runners more often.

The teenager is yet to confirm his plans for next season, but has received offers from two teams in the 125cc Championship.

He said: "Unfortunately, we have not been able to raise the funds to stay with the team I am with at the moment, but I have received an offer from a top team in the championship, which would be absolutely fantastic if it comes off. We will have to wait and see about that.

"There is also another team with an Indian backer who is interested too. I will most probably make the decision after the race."

Webb's final race of the season begins at 7.40am.

Mansell to make his Brands return for Beaujolais Run

EX-FORMULA One world champion Nigel Mansell (pictured) returns to Brands Hatch later this month to start The Beaujolais Run.

The event is a navigational shootout through a cryptic checkpoint course, which begins at a location in the UK and ends in Burgundy in France.

An estimated 40 cars will take part in the trip which will be launched at the Kent circuit on November 16, by 1992 F1 world champion Mansell.

The 38th edition of the run will have two winners with honours going to the teams which raise the most funds for charity and clock up the least amount of miles.

All proceeds will go towards the Henry Surtees Foundation.

Edenbridge-based motor racing legend John Surtees, who is the patron of the event, lost his son Henry to a freak Formula Two accident at Brands Hatch last year.

Driving around a track for a couple of hours in a high-performance car, how hard can it be? We sent intrepid sports reporter **TOM HOWARD** to Brands Hatch to find out…

Petrol-head Tom left petrified as he gets ride of his life at Brands

SHOTGUN: Tom (left) sits with Steve Kane

BEING a life-long petrol-head I've admired the skill of professional racing drivers from my armchair or the press box, but a white-knuckle ride around Kent's Brands Hatch gave me an altogether different experience.

For the last three years I have been following Motorbase Performance, a team based in Wrotham, near Sevenoaks, who compete in the popular British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) and Porsche Carrera Cup.

An invitation to experience the power of their BMW saloon and Porsche cars, used in both series, was something I wasn't going to pass up, even though I was a bit apprehensive on the way to the West Kingsdown circuit.

Motorbase, who burst onto the scene in 2004, have enjoyed their most successful season to date this year, winning the Porsche Carrera Cup teams' title. They also won two races and collected another 12 podium finishes in the BTCC.

Over the years they have become one of the most popular teams in the paddock and are most definitely a force to be reckoned with on the track, as I found out first-hand.

After signing a waiver – which is always slightly nerve-racking knowing how easy things can go wrong in motor racing – I was ready, or so I thought. How hard could it be?

As it turns out the team's drivers, Mat Jackson, Steven Kane and Porsche specialist Michael Caine, were not out for a leisurely Sunday drive, but were instead extremely keen to show me, in the passenger seat, just how fast they are behind the wheel.

For people new to the BTCC, the cars look on the outside like a regular road-going saloon cars, but underneath they are stripped-out rocket ships, which can reach a top speed of 140mph in very little time at all.

After equipping myself with a crash helmet I climbed inside the car and was met by Kane, a highly-talented Northern Irishman who finished runner-up in this year's independent drivers' title race.

Pictures: PETER STILL

FLASH: Michael Caine, one of the top Porsche drivers, terrified our man at Brands Hatch

To make things that little more worrying for yours truly I noticed, as we edged out of the pit lane, that we were heading towards Brands Hatch's famous 1.2-mile Indy circuit and that there were other cars to contend with on the track.

The first thing that hit me as we made our way to the track was how violent the acceleration and gear changes were, it really throws your head back against the seat.

Kane put his foot down and we completed six laps of one of the most challenging circuits in the world in a matter of minutes.

Brakes

Probably the most exhilarating – or frightening – aspect is how the driver has no fear turning into a blind corner (Paddock Hill bend) at speeds well in advance of the national speed limit.

It's mind-boggling, but I see why they do it – the adrenaline rush is immense.

We soon entered the pits and enjoyed a brief rest before I was taken out in the 420-horse power monster, otherwise known as a Porsche Carrera Cup car. If I thought the touring car was fast I was about to be blown away in one of the fastest and most powerful vehicles to race in Britain.

My driver for the journey was Michael Caine, one of the best Porsche drivers around after finishing second in the 2010 Carrera Cup.

I think he was intentionally trying to scare me because overtaking another car round the outside of Paddock Hill bend at speed, with barely a cigarette paper between the cars is enough to make you wince.

The speed, the strength of the brakes and the amount of grip is unbelievable, but more worryingly I couldn't feel my leg when he put his foot to the floor.

The circuit is predominantly made up of right-hand corners so my neck took a battering, but I only found that out once the adrenaline had stopped flowing and we were back in the pit lane. After taking a couple of hours to catch my breath and regain a relatively normal skin colour, I was able to reflect on what was an incredible experience.

I take my hat off to all racing drivers because it is nowhere near as easy as it looks on television, I can assure you.

Trial edges Tonbridge racer closer to F1

TALENTED single-seater driver Adrian Quaife-Hobbs will take a step closer to Formula One later this month by taking part in a GP2 test.

The Tonbridge racer has been awarded a trial with Italian team Scuderia Coloni at the state-of-the-art Yas Marina circuit in Abu Dhabi, the venue for the final round of the F1 season.

Quaife-Hobbs, who enjoyed a mixed season in the championship's sister series GP3 this year, is looking forward to the opportunity to drive in a car just one step away from the glittering world of F1.

The Scuderia Coloni team finished ninth in this year's championship, but have run A1GP champion Adam Carroll in the past.

Quaife-Hobbs, 19, is beginning to earn a reputation as a quick driver despite the fact he is yet to win a major championship. Only last month he topped the timesheets in two tests with Formula Renault 3.5 team Comtec.

Since the final round of the GP3 Championship in September, he has been looking at his options for next season with GP2 and Formula Renault 3.5 top of his wish list.

"I'm really looking forward to driving a GP2 car especially at Abu Dhabi," Quaife-Hobbs said.

"I don't really see it as a big opportunity, it will just be case of jumping in the car and seeing how it goes.

"The car is about five seconds a lap faster than the Comtec machine, but it should be a smaller step than going from GP3 car to the Renault 3.5 racer.

"Formula Renault 3.5 and GP2 are what I'm looking at for next season and hopefully I will be able to come to a decision before Christmas."

Quaife-Hobbs' test is on November 27.

AMBITION: Adrian Quaife-Hobbs is on the way up

New Sevenoaks strikeforce excites Levett

PROGRESS is gradually being made at Greatness Park as manager Keith Levett continues to put the finishing touches to his Sevenoaks Town squad.

Having secured the permanent signing of Adam Marsh form Maidstone United, Levett believes the striker could rocket up the Kent League goalscoring charts once he rediscovers his best form.

Richie Stevens is another highly-rated forward in the initial stages of his Sevenoaks career, and the Town boss is excited by the prospect of the pair forging a destructive partnership up front.

Levett said: "I knew Adam at Welling, he's a good lad, hard-working and he scores goals, which is invaluable at any level.

"He's lacking a bit of confidence because he hasn't featured much for Maidstone, but he'll score goals at this level.

"Richie works hard, he's got a good attitude and he's a positive signing for the club. He's an outstanding young player and it's only a matter of time before he gets his chance at a higher level."

The latest player to leave the club is defender Charlie Burgess, who opted to look for regular football elsewhere after being told to prove his worth in the Sevenoaks reserve side.

Levett insisted the split had been amicable and said the decision to leave Burgess out of the side had been based simply on his desire to field a settled back-four.

He said: "Charlie wanted regular first-team football, he was coming back from injury and wanted to get back in the side, but I couldn't change things just like that."

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

PROSPECT: Adam Marsh was at Maidstone

Cautious optimism as attendance figures stabilise

By DAVID PRITCHARD

Cash-strapped clubs slowly turning things round at the turnstiles

THE DOWNWARD spiral of non-league attendances in Kent appears to have been broadly halted, giving struggling clubs some reason for cautious optimism looking to the future.

A year ago an investigation by this newspaper found attendances were plummeting across the county, with the worst hit seeing gates halved in two seasons.

It has forced clubs to get creative, with many embracing the radical idea of allowing free entry to one-off games.

While the figures 12 months on still make grim reading for some clubs, overall the picture is showing signs of, an albeit modest, recovery.

The average gate for the non-league teams in the table is now 500, compared to 486 last year, although it is still around six per cent lower than the numbers seen in the two seasons before.

Dartford's promotion to the Conference South has helped them make a big leap over the last year, with gates up 40 per cent. Interestingly they could now claim to be the second biggest club in the county, with attendances now comfortably above that of Dover and Ebbsfleet United.

Bromley's good start to the campaign has seen a big spike in attendance, but proportionally it is a far greater increase than in-form teams were experiencing a year ago.

Despite struggling in the table, Whitstable have been another success story, with falling gates turned around thanks in part to well supported derbies against Sittingbourne and newly-promoted Faversham Town.

Committee member Tony Rouse believes it is also down to the experience fans get when they head to the Belmont.

He said: "I think it's because we're playing some half-decent football, the supporters have been very appreciative of our style of football.

"Also, whatever money we make goes into the upkeep of the ground which we are keen to keep improving – we like to make people feel welcome."

Compared to figures for this time last season, clubs experiencing the biggest drops can all be easily explained.

Ebbsfleet have suffered a significant fall following relegation, as you would expect, while Maidstone United's ongoing groundshare at Ashford, combined with struggles on the pitch, accounts for their decrease.

Several other clubs with falling gates have at least slowed the trend, with Tonbridge Angels, Margate, Sittingbourne and Chatham all experiencing relatively minor drops.

Tonbridge Angels secretary, Charlie Cole, said: "The crowds are down by about 20 people, but we're reasonably happy considering the recession and the economic climate. We have tried free games and letting children in for a pound, which seems to go down well. The truth is you can never tell when you are going to get a good gate.

"We had 517 turn up for the Enfield FA Trophy game which we really didn't expect. We have got a winning team at the moment, but even that is not a guarantee for a good gate."

ATTENDANCES FOR KENT'S NON-LEAGUE CLUBS

TEAM	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	+/- 09/10 to 10/11
Ebbsfleet Utd	1,087	1,203	1,151	892	-22.5%
Dover Athletic	943	1,293	1,141	993	-13.0%
Dartford	1,135	1,118	1,135	1,594	40.4%
Welling United	526	654	554	590	6.5%
Bromley	643	523	483	690	42.9%
Margate	531	523	450	409	-9.1%
Tonbridge Angels	518	503	443	402	-9.3%
Maidstone United	444	388	324	255	-21.3%
Folkestone Invicta	402	271	276	299	8.3%
Cray Wanderers	167	159	208	216	3.8%
Ramsgate	369	337	195	168	-13.8%
Chatham Town	175	137	156	153	-1.9%
Whitstable Town	249	174	143	197	37.8%
Sittingbourne	190	184	140	139	-0.7%

• Figures do not include Ashford Town or Faversham Town, who have not been in Ryman South or above for the entire duration of the survey.

Timeline

KOS Media sport takes a look at the highlights of all the sporting action from the last 50 years

1960 **50 YEARS AGO:** THE Tonbridge League took the unusual step of suspending an entire team for a week after they allegedly walked off the pitch with 15 minutes of a game with Rotherfield to play.

A Kent County FA disciplinary panel ruled that Birch Sports had refused to kick-off after going 2-0 down and fined every player 10s 6d.

The charge was angrily refuted by a club spokesman, who said: "Wherever we play now we get stupid comments shouted at us and it is all over a silly little thing.

"We didn't stage a walk-off as seemed to be the general impression. The match was abandoned by the referee."

The club claimed the referee abandoned the game after warning Birch they had kicked off 'too quickly'.

They declined to attend the hearing into the charge because they were unwilling to take time off work and the KCFA duly ruled against them.

1985 **25 YEARS AGO:** PHIL Emblen, of Tonbridge, was named Southern League manager-of-the-month for October after an unbeaten run of seven matches, although the curse of the award duly struck as the Angels lost 2-0 to Chelmsford.

Emblen, however, rated the Essex side as the league's best and said Tonbridge's performance augered well for the rest of the season.

"They are a very fine side," he said. "But if they are the best I think we will do very well."

Emblen was handed a gallon of whiskey before their game with Waterlooville – unlike Tommy Warrilow who was this week named the Ryman Premier Division's manager-of-the-month, but not given a prize.

Kent vice-captain Mark Benson was given the all clear to play in the 1986 season, following an exploratory operation on his knee.

"The knee is no longer considered to be the problem it might have been," Kent manager Brian Luckhurst said. "Mark has been given the go-ahead for next season and the news has come as a great relief."

2000 **10 YEARS AGO:** KENT announced a return to Beckenham after a 47-year absence, with a National League fixture against Yorkshire on August 29 at the old Lloyds Bank Ground.

Kent chief executive Paul Millman hinted this could be the first of many trips to south east London for the county after the ground's new owners pledged to make long-term improvements to the facilities.

"We are delighted to be able to return to Beckenham, but there is still a lot of work to do on the ground and we hope to have it ready in time," he said.

Kent reappointed Matthew Fleming as skipper and signed former Gloucestershire opener, 22-year-old Paul Lazenbury.

Tonbridge bowed out of the FA Trophy with a 2-0 defeat at Hendon.

On a boggy pitch Tonbridge conceded twice in the first-half and despite improving after the break, they never seriously threatened to force a replay.

Tunbridge Wells were beaten 2-0 at home by Deal in the Kent League Premier Division Cup.

Oaks' lack of flair highlighted by disastrous start

SURVIVAL in the National League is the sole aim for Sevenoaks Hockey Club's men's section after a disastrous start to their Conference East campaign.

Last season's cup heroics now seem a world away for Oaks, who prop up the table having already shipped 28 goals in their five league outings.

The departure of several key players in the summer always threatened to handicap Sevenoaks this term, although their early-season shortcomings have even surprised player-coach Pete Turner.

"It's not going well and almost everything that could have gone bad has happened," he said.

"We got some new players who are very hard-working, but unfortunately you need one or two stars, players who are going to do something different. We need to recruit more players; you can have six or seven 'water-carriers' who all work hard, but you need flair players who score goals, which shouldn't really be scored."

Chris Barker, Nick Barker and George Torry, who all moved away to university in the summer, were key components of the Oaks side, while in Ben Allberry, the team has been shorn of a genuine class act.

Turner is hopeful of securing a big-name signing before next weekend's game against Old Loughtonians, having already drafted in Tom Caulfield and James Murdoch from Eastbourne and Sutton Valence respectively.

Picture: DAVE COULDRIDGE

PRACTICE: Scott Gooding's back from injury

Warrilow happy to see key pair return to action

THE IMMINENT return of Scott Gooding and Lewis Taylor to the Tonbridge Angels squad means manager Tommy Warrilow is unlikely to move into the transfer market to replace two players that left Longmead last week.

Midfielders Kirk Watts and Sam Jones asked to be released and Tonbridge, without a game this weekend, held a specially arranged friendly with Lordswood at Longmead on Wednesday to give Gooding and Taylor match practice.

Taylor, who played under Warrilow at Horsham, joined the club from AFC Wimbledon this summer as he attempted to recuperate from a cruciate ligament injury to his right knee, while the experienced Gooding is ready to make his first appearance of the season.

"Lewis is an energetic midfielder who plays from box to box and scores goals, while Scott is a born leader," Warrilow said.

"For weeks I've been trying to get in a player on loan to cover in central defence so it'll be nice to have three players competing for two shirts. If you ask anyone at this level about the pair they'd snap your hands off to have them."

Underwhelmed

Tonbridge were due to host Hendon in the Ryman Premier Division on Saturday, but the Londoners' FA Cup first round tie with Chelmsford means they next play on Tuesday night against Margate at Longmead.

Last Saturday's 2-0 win over Enfield Town in the FA Trophy handed Tonbridge a trip to Conference South side Welling for the third qualifying round.

Having been beaten there in the same competition last season, Tonbridge might have been forgiven for wanting a more winnable or glamorous draw, but Warrilow wasn't complaining.

"I think it's a nice draw," he said. "Last year when we went there it was on a Sunday and it was a bit flat all round, both on and off the field. But we're on a nice run. It'll be a good opportunity to see how far we have come."

Warrilow was underwhelmed by winning the October manager-of-the-month award, however.

"Without wanting to sound horrible I won it last year and didn't get anything for it," he said. "Then one year I didn't win at all and we came third. I don't think that'll have anything to do with whether we lose our next game or not, but it's nice to get a bit of recognition."

Seanla's sure trip from Tottenham to Tonbridge beginning of big things

Claude Seanla used to train with Edgar Davids at Spurs, but was once considered surplus to requirements by Ashford Town. He tells **FRED ATKINS** he only heard about Tonbridge via Facebook, but knows Longmead could be his springboard back to the big time although he hopes to fire the Angels to promotion along the way...

IT'S a long way from Abidjan to Longmead, in more than one sense, but Tonbridge Angels' new striker Claude Seanla is hoping he's finally found a club where his obvious ability can shine.

The Ivorian has already crammed a lot into his 22 years. He now considers Milton Keynes (from where he commutes to training and matches) his home, having first arrived in England about 10 years ago.

If he experienced any culture shock at all it was minimal and his integration was helped by a natural ability at football.

He was signed by Tottenham and made it into their reserves as a teenager, getting a tantalising glimpse of what life in the Premier League might be like as he trained with internationals Jamie Redknapp and Edgar Davids.

"I learned a lot from them and training with the first-team gave me a lot of confidence," he said. "Once you've trained with them you can see how easy it is, but it's also (down to) luck."

And Seanla hasn't always been lucky.

Nemesis

He moved to Watford in 2006, where he played in the Carling Cup, but didn't manage to establish himself and from there he went to Kettering and then Barnet, where this time he didn't see eye-to-eye with manager Paul Fairclough.

"He played me out of position," Seanla reflected. "I tried, but I was never a centre midfielder."

Seanla had never even heard of the Ryman Premier Division until a friend contacted him via social networking site Facebook and asked him to come to training with Tonbridge two seasons ago.

Financial reasons and a hamstring injury meant he was farmed out to Ashford Town, but he wasted little time showing what he could do at Homelands.

"I scored six goals in eight games and then I was injured again," he said. "It was my hamstring and when I healed the Ashford manager told me the team was doing so well that I was back to square one."

A distinctly unimpressed Seanla decamped to Horsham, and while Ashford went backwards, he prospered under boss John Maggs.

"The manager took a chance on me, he gambled," Seanla said. "The first season I did okay and the second I scored 19 goals and got a move to Boreham Wood."

He didn't do badly there either, but fell out with the chairman despite scoring in the play-offs to help Wood gain promotion to Conference South.

He was duly released and when he contacted Tommy Warrilow the Angels boss snapped him up – possibly because it was one way of ensuring Seanla wouldn't hurt him again this season.

"Every time I play against Tommy I score," Seanla joked, having also scored for Horsham against the Angels, although he is regarded as even more of a nemesis at Aveley, where he scored a hat-trick a fortnight ago, having already scored twice on his Angels' debut.

Impressing

Seanla is quite open about his ambitions to play at a higher level again, but knows the best way to achieve this is to follow the examples set by Leon Legge, Jon Main and Lee Minshull, all of whom turned professional after impressing at Longmead.

"That's my dream, to get us out of the Ryman Premier and go higher," he said.

"With him [Warrilow] having me here obviously I'm going to make the club money [if he does move] and I'm very confident.

"If we keep winning games and I keep scoring then my name is in people's mouths and it's just a matter of time. I need to keep my head down."

Picture: DAVE COULDRIDGE

AMBITION: Claude Seanla trained with Edgar Davids (right) while at Spurs and hopes to reach that level once again

Kent Spitfires given favourable draw for next summer's CB40

KENT managed to avoid county cricket's big guns in the draw for next summer's Clydesdale Bank 40 and stand a good chance of progressing to the semi-finals.

Rob Key's side are in Group A together with Derbyshire, Worcestershire, Yorkshire and local rivals Sussex and Middlesex, while the Kent Spitfires will have to make the long trip to take on the Netherlands as well.

Kent head coach, Paul Farbrace, said: "I think it's a pretty good outcome for us. The teams we have been paired with are all beatable and Groups B and C certainly look tougher on paper with some real heavyweights included.

"I think our group in 2010 was tougher, and we finished second, so hopefully we can go one better next season.

"The supporters will enjoy the local trips to Hove and Lord's and we genuinely don't have anything to fear. The trip to Holland isn't ideal, in terms of travel, but they are beatable."

Three groups of seven will see teams playing each other home and away. Group winners, and the best second-placed team, will qualify for the semi-finals with the final taking place at Lord's.

CLYDESDALE BANK 40 DRAW

GROUP A:
Netherlands, Derbyshire, Middlesex, Worcestershire, Sussex, Yorkshire, Kent.

GROUP B:
Scotland, Hampshire, Durham, Northamptonshire, Warwickshire, Surrey, Leicestershire.

GROUP C:
Unicorns, Nottinghamshire, Glamorgan, Gloucestershire, Essex, Somerset, Lancashire.

Picture: ADY KERRY

A SPORTING CHANCE: Kent just missed out in the CB40 last season

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

TRY: James Garcia powers forward to score in Sevenoaks' loss against Lewes

Oaks start off where they're aiming to finish

By FRED ATKINS

Twickenham RFC v Sevenoaks RFC

KICK-OFF NOON AT PARKFIELDS

ON A weekend when most clubs have been given the weekend off so they can watch events at the home of rugby, Sevenoaks will actually be playing at Twickenham, albeit at a ground a couple of miles down the road from where England take on the All Blacks.

Sevenoaks take on Twickenham from the London 2 South West Division in the Intermediate Cup and coach James Leverington believes his side could go one better than neighbours Tonbridge Juddians, who reached the semi-finals last year.

"I'm an optimist," he said. "Everyone can win a game on their day if the opposition are not 100 per cent on their game – take Lewes last week. So we think we can go all the way."

It sounds like a tall order however, with the Oaks likely to run into strong opposition sooner or later with last week's defeat against Lewes demonstrating a vulnerability.

Having been beaten by a late penalty against leaders Old Elthamians last week, Leverington felt his side had at least proved something to themselves, by mounting a second-half revival against a team they had seemingly stood in awe of in the first-half.

Against Lewes last week however, some of that unravelled, with the Oaks losing 17-19 after repeatedly drawing penalties in the closing stages.

"The squad is in awesome shape, but we've been burnt by the last two weeks' losses," Leverington admitted.

The Oaks need to find a killer instinct he feels: "We've got to get ruthless and make sure we play hard and fast, so the referees have no way of playing us out of the game.

"And not allow the opposition a chance."

Twickenham are sixth in their division, after a 30-17 defeat to Old Reigatians last week ended a sequence of three straight wins.

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

NO GO: Renee Busch couldn't help Suns win

Suns face tough time at Wildcats

Nottingham Wildcats v Sevenoaks Suns

TIP-OFF 5PM AT NOTTINGHAM WILDCATS ARENA

TWO cruel defeats in the space of 24 hours have left Sevenoaks Suns reeling and they face a tough ask if they are to bounce back against Nottingham Wildcats.

Last Saturday saw the Suns entertain Leeds Carnegie in a thrilling encounter, but the hosts were left with nothing to show for their efforts after being edged out 86-80.

Head coach Len Busch gathered his troops for Sunday's trip to Brixton Topcats in the National Cup, but again the Suns came off second-best, defeated 66-60 despite a superb 23-point haul for Harriet Yea.

The Suns' record now reads three defeats from four games in all competitions, but the narrow margin of the defeats backs up Busch's belief that his young side are making strides at senior level.

Nottingham, traditionally one of the division's stronger outfits, won at Leeds on the opening day of the season before suffering a home defeat to UWIC Archers in their last outing.

Busch has a full roster at his disposal this evening with the Suns' under-18 side not in action until tomorrow, when they host their Brixton counterparts in the Sureshot National Cup. No-one has yet posed a serious challenge for the under-18s, who thrashed Colchester Jammers 88-29 last weekend to claim their fifth straight league win.

Sunday's cup tie also serves as a dress rehearsal for next weekend's league meeting between the sides at the Sennocke Centre in Sevenoaks.

Sevenoaks keen to put an end to winless streak and stay in race for title

SEVENOAKS ladies have the perfect opportunity to end their winless run in Conference East as they prepare to host basement club Dereham.

The Norfolk side have yet to register a point this season, conceding 32 goals in six games and already appear to be destined for relegation.

While Oaks have gone three games without a victory, they remain in touch with the leading pack and they could move above Horsham into fourth with a win at Holly Bush Lane.

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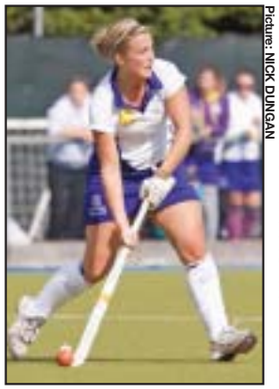

FOCUS: Ladies hoping for win

Sevenoaks return to action after a two-week lay-off, having not played since their extra-time EH Cup defeat against Surbiton.

Too many drawn games ended up costing them top-spot in the league last season and they are beginning to fall into the same trap again, having already shared the points with St Albans, Surbiton and Chelmsford.

However, anything other than three points today would come as a surprise, particularly with Sevenoaks boasting the division's joint-tightest defensive record.

Elsewhere, the Oaks men's 1st XI are already contemplating a long, hard winter as they struggle to keep their heads above water at the foot of Conference East.

Five defeats from their opening six games have left Pete Turner's side facing an uphill battle to stay in touch with the sides above them and defeat to Holcombe tomorrow would leave them even further adrift.

Their Kent rivals are going well in third place and Oaks' defensive deficiencies are becoming a real worry, having shipped an average of almost five goals per game.

Any hopes of a run in this season's EH Cup were dashed last weekend when Sevenoaks let slip a 1-0 lead to crash out 2-1 at Chelmsford.

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

TEAM SPIRIT: The Wells are serious contenders for this year's title

New found professional approach getting results

TOP of the league and unbeaten after five games, Tunbridge Wells men's 1st XI go into this afternoon's Kent 1 game at Burnt Ash full of confidence, according to captain Gavin Rimmer.

The Wells have a full squad to choose from and are reaping the rewards of a more professional approach, after suffering relegation last season.

"Last year we had availability issues, but this year everyone's available, which makes a huge difference," Rimmer said.

"Everyone's training and playing together in the week now, whereas last year we'd have people who'd miss training, but still want to play on the Saturday."

The Wells won 7-2 against Sevenoaks 3rds last Saturday, and so far their only blemish this season has been a draw with Cliftonville, the side Rimmer feels are their main challengers for the title.

"I think they're probably our biggest rivals," he said.

"If we go up we'll have a better squad and be able to take that positive experience of playing as a team and winning with us."

Rimmer says Pete Hill and Chris Pelmore, who scored four goals against Sevenoaks, have been influential, but says the whole team deserves credit for the way they've turned things around.

"We are reaping the reward for our youth policy now because we're now playing as a team," he said.

The women's 1st XI suffered a narrow 1-0 defeat at home to high-flying St Albans last week and travel to Essex today to take on fellow strugglers Thurrock.

Win vital to stop Rusthall's slump

Kent County League preview

RUSTHALL travel to Bly Spartans in the Premier Division this afternoon, looking to halt a mini slump which has seen them lose their last three games and drop to fifth.

Alex Carey gave them the lead against Snodland last week, but the visitors equalised to make it 1-1 at the break, then went 2-1 up from a free-kick that resulted in Nick Coxon getting his marching orders for a second bookable offence.

Although John Penny levelled with eight minutes left, Snodland snatched a stoppage time winner to win 3-2.

Tonbridge Invicta, who sit bottom of the table, are in the Bill Manklow Cup this week away to Metrogas, having lost 3-1 last week at home to Phoenix Sports, David East scoring their only goal.

In Division Two East, Tenterden host Broadstairs this afternoon, having trounced St Nicholas 4-1 last week, with goals from Jack McKenzie, Charlie McKenzie and Peter Sikora.

Hawkenbury are at home to NK Aces this week after they beat Broadstairs 3-2 last Saturday to record only their second win of the season.

In the East Sussex League, Hawkhurst United travel to Battle Baptists after a 3-0 defeat at home to Eastbourne Fishermen last week left them sixth in Division Three, one place below Cranbrook Town, who drew 1-1 at Hollington last week and are without a fixture.

EVERYTHING TO PLAY FOR

Local rivals prepare for battle royale in cup decider

Pictures: NICK DUNGAN

CLASH: Tunbridge Wells (red) take a one-goal lead into their game with Sevenoaks Town (blue)

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TUNBRIDGE WELLS

TUNBRIDGE Wells may hold a slender aggregate lead, but manager Martin Larkin insists their approach to today's clash with Sevenoaks will be no different to any other game.

Jon Pilbeam's first-half strike settled the first meeting between the local rivals a fortnight ago in the first round of the Premier Division Cup, although Larkin has eyes only on this afternoon's result at Culverden Stadium.

The Wells have been the Kent League's form side in recent weeks, winning seven of their last eight games and scoring 31 goals in the process.

Having twice come from behind to win 4-3 at Deal Town last Saturday, Larkin has urged his side to show the same focus and grab a place in the last-eight.

"If we win the game, we go through, so we're not worried about first legs or goal leads," he said.

"I think we've certainly got enough to finish the job and if we play like we can play, they won't be able to win.

"We've got to work hard and make sure our desire is there; we approach it in the same way as the first leg, the same as any other game. Sevenoaks have changed a fair bit [under manager Keith Levett] and it'll take them time to gel."

Today should offer a decent insight into the real effect of the club's Civic Day, as the Wells play their first home game since a crowd of 307 took advantage of free entry to see them hammer Sporting Bengal last month.

The hosts start this afternoon as favourites to progress, but Larkin knows his side cannot take their foot off the pedal now if they are to turn a promising start into a truly memorable season.

He said: "We've got to keep our feet on the ground, but we've made the players aware that what we've done over the last six weeks has to be taken advantage of. We can't waste what we've done because these runs don't come around very often."

The Wells should be unchanged from the trip to Deal, with defender Perry Spackman still not fully fit and midfielder Tom Davey awaiting scan results on his knee injury.

SEVENOAKS TOWN

SEVENOAKS Town manager Keith Levett believes his side are more than capable of overturning a first-leg deficit to win at the home of their local rivals.

By STEVE TERVET

Levett found little wrong with Town's performance despite a 1-0 defeat to Tunbridge Wells at Greatness Park in the first leg, but urged his players to show a greater appetite in front of goal in today's cup decider.

Goals from Joe Minter and Adam Marsh handed Sevenoaks a 2-0 victory over Corinthian last Saturday, but Town should have run out more comfortable winners and Levett has demanded more from his forwards this afternoon.

"We need to start quicker and be 'at it' a bit more from the start," he said.

"They'll probably be disappointed with their performance in the first leg, but it's up to us to make sure we do the right things.

"We need to be a bit more selfish in front of goal, a bit more clinical in the final third."

Levett has the luxury of selecting from a fully-fit squad for today's derby, with former Wells striker Benji Agana looking to lead his new side into the quarter-finals.

Richie Stevens made his first Sevenoaks start against Corinthian last weekend and alongside Marsh – whose signing from Maidstone United has now been made permanent – Levett insists Town have the firepower to progress.

"I'm really looking forward to it because I love a local derby," he said.

"From what I saw in the first game, we've got a real chance to get a result – I don't know whether they played poorly or whether we made them play poorly.

"They're a good side, very hard-working and you can tell there's a good team spirit down there. In that particular game, they tended to counter-attack and hit us on the break.

"If that's the way they want to play, that's fine – maybe at home they'll be slightly different."

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